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Bonds aim 1973 total

TORONTO —

In 1973, the year of the Yom Kippur War, Toronto raised in cash $23.3 million in Israel Bond sales, and last week the campaign cabinet adopted this same figure as its goal for the 1975 campaign now being launched. "Israel's needs are no less this year than they were in 1973, in light of the necessity to keep her economy moving despite serious inflation, and the hardships and burdens of meeting the unrelieved burden of defence while the search for peace goes on," commented Herb Green, general campaign chairman.

Green described the Israel Bond program as a financial instrument of crucial importance to Israel in 1975, as it has been throughout the quarter-century since it was inaugurated by David Ben-Gurion and world Jewish leaders at an economic conference in Jerusalem.

"By laying the foundation for a viable economy 25 years ago, when Israel's fledgling economy was unable to cope with a tidal wave of immigration, the Bond program has filled a constructive role of the highest importance in the steady progress of the people of Israel over the past quarter century, Green said."

The $3 billion in Israel Bonds raised to date have provided a major share of Israel's annual development budget. It flows into every branch of the country's economy, its factories and farms, cities and towns, transportation by land, sea and air, telecommunications, exploitation of natural resources, production of exports and creation of jobs for new immigrants, including 100,000 Jews who have come to Israel from the Soviet Union in the past four years.

Ontario Premier William Davis (third from right) was guest of honor at the groundbreaking ceremonies for the $6.5 million complex at the Northern Building of the YM—YWHA. Others (from left) are: Harold Green, chairman of the building committee; Alex Fisher, co-chairman of the campaign to erect the first phase of the Northern Building; Wilfred Posluns, 'Y' president; Murray Koffler, a 'Y' benefactor and Samuel Granatstein, chairman of the first building campaign. The provincial government contributed $1.1 million to the 'Y' cultural arts centre. (Also see Pg. 10 — Gadi Hoz photos)

Used 'Y' regularly when student

Premier Davis knew of Y's value when he was approached for grant

By LOUISE CORNBLUM

TORONTO —

When a committee from the YM-YWHA went to Premier William Davis a year ago to ask for a grant for the new cultural arts centre, they were unaware that he already knew, first hand, both of the high quality of 'Y' management and the fact that the 'Y's value is not restricted to the Jewish community.

That was the surprising piece of news learned at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Northern 'Y' addition on Sunday attended by a standing-room-only crowd in a 120-foot tent.

In an aside from his prepared speech, Davis told how, as a student at the University of Toronto, he worked out at the Bloor 'Y' regularly.

That, and the proven performance record of the 'Y's volunteers and staff in delivering on their promises, had something to do with the provincial government's grant of $1.1 million to the new centre. (The grant is the first major contribution to development of new cultural facilities in Ontario since the Ministry of Culture and Recreation was established in January.)

As Davis said: "A lot of people come to my office and it turns out all they want is the moon. Obviously I'm not in a position to grant anybody the moon, let alone pay for the journey. But when I hear that a group such as yours has collected most of the fare through hard work and dedication, I'm very receptive to helping them go that extra mile to reach their objective."

As the father of five children, Premier Davis is intensely concerned about pressures being brought to bear on family life by a society which is, in his view, "far too permissive in tolerating behaviour and attitudes which belong to another and less enlightened age."

Davis pointed out that the average child sees 18,000 people killed on television before he reaches maturity and stressed the value of giving renewed emphasis to the important part played by culture and recreation in our society.

The setting for Davis's remarks was the site upon which will stand a $6.5 million complex which will make the Northern 'Y' the largest building of its kind in North America. The new cultural arts centre will include a 450-seat theatre and the physical education building will feature a large gymnasium and squash courts. Together they will provide ample space for both the cramped existing programs and the badly needed new ones, adding valuable facilities for the Toronto Jewish community and the borough of North York.

The turning of the sod for the new building, potentially a mechanical undertaking, was imbued with an electrical excitement by the emotional participation of the crowd.

From the moment the crowd began to gather, ushered into their seats by proud 'Y' members wearing green construction helmets stamped with the new 'Y' logo, this excitement could be felt. The large yellow bulldozer and the excavator standing silently on the greening sod emphasized the reality which is materializing out of the dream.

Some of those most responsible for the achievement were asked by chairman Wilfred Posluns, 'Y' president to participate in the ceremony. Assisting Premier Davis were Murray Koffler, one of the outstanding benefactors of the new buildings; Harold Green, chairman of the building committee, and Samuel J. Granatstein and Alex Fisher, chairman and co-chairman respectively of the campaign to erect the first phase of the northern building.

John Wahl, chairman of the board of directors, presented each of the sod turners with a symbolic shovel mounted on a plaque. In addition, a plaque was presented to Bert Fine, during whose term of office as president of the 'Y' the project was begun.

Additional excitement was generated by a unique gift sent by the state of Israel. A 700-pound block of Jerusalem stone, selected in Israel by Amnon Gil-Ad, Canadian Director of the Israel Government Tourist Office, and flown here by El Al through the kind offices of Yaacov Margolin, the airline's Toronto manager, will be part of the new building.

After Cantor Sevrin Weingort sang, to new music composed in Israel by Yitzkak Heilman, the words of the 137th Psalm, beginning "If I Forget Thee, O Jerusalem," Shmuel Ovnat, consul general of Israel in Toronto, presented the polished, characteristically colored stone to the community.

He commented that the stone would be symbolic of the kinship between the people of Israel and the people of Canada.

Drawing attention to the fact that Canadians have built many sports facilities in Israel, he voiced his happiness that "now we can reciprocate in a small way."

Series on hospital

A three-part series dealing with the history of The Hospital for Sick Children, as seen through the eyes of Dr. Fred Weinberg, well known pediatrician, will begin in next week's issue of **The Canadian Jewish News.** It is an absorbing story of a famous institution, which celebrates its centenary this year.

Home says no to offer of purchase

TORONTO —

Lincoln Place Nursing Home rejected a purchase offer last week by Extendicare Ltd., the health care firm which owns and operates 21 nursing homes in three Canadian provinces.

Extendicare's Vice-president of Finance, Don Dal Bianco, had contacted Emil Tennenbaum, manager of the nursing home division of Sharon Construction, which runs Lincoln Place and asked if his company was interested in selling Lincoln Place. Tennenbaum, who was unavailable for comment, reportedly said he was not.

Harold Livergant, Extendicare's chairman of the board and chief executive officer, told **The Canadian Jewish News** that no actual offer was made to Lincoln Place because of Tennenbaum's lack of interest in Extendicare's offer.

"If he comes back to us, we'll sit down and talk," said Livergant, holding open the possiblity that Lincoln Palce and Extendicare may yet come to an agreement.

Extendicare's offer was prompted by the news last month that Lincoln Place would end kashruth because of its inability to absorb soaring costs. Livergant said last month that Extendicare could maintain kashruth at Lincoln Place within existing financial guidelines.

Tennenbaum said that kashruth would be phased out by May 1 if the situation did not change. The Canadian Jewish Congress, which is studying the possiblity of subsidizing kashruth at Lincoln Place, will issue a report next week on the question, said Ruth Resnick, a CJC staffer.

Wall to wall humanity takes part in celebration of Israel's birthday

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —

They were there in the thousands, the Jews of Metro Toronto, crowding the sanctuary of Beth Tzedec Synagogue, spilling over into the corridors, filling every available space inside that massive building. It was to celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence Day that they came, the bearded rabbis, fashionable men and women, blue-jeaned teens, and wondering youngsters.

The marble walls, elegant gold and silver drapery, the lofty ceiling, which usually diminish everyone, somehow receded and were made insignificant by wall-to-wall humanity.

This April 15th, 1975, was the 27th anniversary of the painful, yet thrilling birth of the State of Israel. Now, more than a quarter of a century later, the date was observed with mixed emotions.

Philip Givens, president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, explained the ambivalence. "We would expect ordinarily, unrestrained joy; instead, an air of concern and constraint spoils the celebration somewhat. The mood of Israel, though not as gloomy as before, is still one of anxiety.

"But", said Givens, "we must be optimistic. The Israelis are a strong resourceful people, and the Israeli army is a competent machine which can stand up to anyone! Besides, the United States needs a democracy in the Middle East, and so do the Soviets, for against whom would they protect the Arabs?"

Givens repeated his remarks in Yiddish, their pungency creating a special impact.

Shmuel Ovnat, Consul General of Israel, declared that his people look to the future hoping that it will bring them closer to peace with their neighbors. "But", he said, "we will not bow to aggression, or compromise our vital security. The calamity which befell us in the past must never be repeated!"

Chairman of the recently formed Student Mobilization for Israel, Andrew Resnick, urged students to consider aliyah.

The upbeat rhythms of folksingers Tzachi and Yael burst into the solemnity, and soon the sanctuary resounded to sing-a-long and stamping feet. The celebrating had begun.

An aroma of falafel and humus drifted down from the mezzanine hall where cafe tables, painted backdrops, and Hebrew street signs were strictly Dizengoff Street, Tel Aviv. Young girls stepped to a spirited horah, covertly glancing at the boys with the yarmelkes (kipas) who circled wildly off in a corner. And the consul general, clutching his own kipa with one hand, leapt with the best of them.

More crowds surged into the main ballroom to watch

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Shear is named Man of the Year

TORONTO —

Gerald Shear was named Man of the Year by the United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund for his work in the 1975 campaign.

Announcement of the honor was made last week at the Campaign Appreciation Night, held at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, which formally closed the campaign.

Campaign Chairman Eddie Creed, in presenting a Ben Gurion medal to Shear, who was 1975 special gifts chairman, said "it would take me hours to tell you about the fabulous job Jerry did and to recount the endless days he put in. He was just wonderful and I'm very happy to be able to present this medal to him."

Other announcements made during the evening:

— The 1975 campaign total currently stands at over $16,135,000 and the projection is for a final total exceeding $19 million.

— Wilfred Posluns will be the 1976 campaign chairman and Beverley Gordon will be chairman of the women's division.

In his report on the 1975 campaign, Creed said: "I worried a lot about whether we could mount another sensational campaign. I wondered if we could maintain that intensified effort that took us from $8 million in 1973 to $26 million in 1974. Could we come anywhere near the 1974 figure — or would the community sink back to the pre-Yom Kippur war level?"

Creed said that "we have the answer tonight," as he announced the current total. "This isn't a record," he added, "because it would be

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Attack by Jackson

Kissinger is accused of staging campaign to discredit Israel

Washington [JCNS-JTA] —

Senator Henry Jackson, a staunch advocate for Israel, has accused the Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger, of staging a press campaign and charade to blame Israel for the failure of his Middle East diplomacy.

"In public, the Administration urges the view that no useful purpose is served by addressing the blame for the failure of the negotiations. In private, Israel is held to have been responsible," Jackson declared.

Speaking at a dinner given by the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee, he said that the end of Kissinger's shuttle diplomacy "has been followed by a campaign of background briefings, meetings and leaks to the press calculated to imply that Israel alone was responsible for the failure to reach an accord."

Jackson said that he hoped the reassessment of the Administration's Mideast policy, now being carried out, would be fair and he added, "It must not be marked by the petulance which marked its inception."

The senator's attack on Kissinger and the Administration came just one week after he charged that the Nixon Administration — and by implication Kissinger — had made secret commitments to South Vietnam without informing Congress.

Jackson, an announced candidate for his party's 1976 presidential nomination and a long-time critic of Kissinger's diplomacy in the Middle East and Southeast Asia, maintained that the secretary's penchant for promoting military detentes without laying the groundwork for fundamental political accords represented "the most profound connection" between the tragedy in Indochina and the failure of Kissinger's mission in the Middle East.

"In the search for peace, a change of line is not substitute for a change of heart," he said.

He also disagreed with Senator Jacob Javits' view of the Ford Administration's current reassessment of American Middle East policy. The first conclusion is that "pressuring Israel to diminish her physical security without a political reconciliation with her neighbors is dangerous and unwise," Jackson said.

Jackson said that another conclusion the Administration must make in its reassessment is the recognition "that a real peace must involve direct negotiations among the parties in which Israeli withdrawal to secure and recognized border is matched by an end to the state of belligerency." He said that this was in line with Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. The senator declared that "a fair reassessment will reaffirm the soundness of the long-standing American policy of helping to maintain the military balance in the Middle East," and finally "any clear-sighted reassessment will include a reappraisal of the role of the Administration's detente in promoting peace in the Middle East."

Jackson assailed the "campaign of background briefings, meetings and leaks to the press calculated to imply that Israel alone was responsible for the failure to reach an accord." He said that because Kissinger returned to Washington from Jerusalem "some people concluded that the talks had failed when Israel rejected an Egyptian compromise proposal. The truth is otherwise and the record should be clear on this point. Kissinger departed Jerusalem when President Anwar Sadat of Egypt refused even to consider an Israeli compromise proposal that sought to provide a basis for continuing negotiations," Jackson said.

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Many questions on integration receive answers

By PATRICIA RUCKER
(First of Two Parts)

TORONTO —

Discussions which may lead to integration of some Jewish day schools into the North York public school system are presently taking place at both local and provincial levels.

Many questions have been raised by trustees, parents, school board members and teachers. In a 90-minute meeting, **The Canadian Jewish News** put some of these questions to Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive-director of the Board of Jewish Education, and Ben Schneider, retiring executive vice-president of the United Jewish Welfare Fund. Both are members of the committee negotiating with the North York Board.

Six of the questions are discussed in this week's article, with the remaining seven to be covered in the following issue. The answers are a summary of our conversation, and are not direct quotations.

Question:

The Partlow Commission Report, issued in November, quotes a letter from L.E. Maki, Regional Director of Education for the province, which sets out a very strict interpretation of how Ontario law would apply to existing Jewish day schools. Should they integrate? Is this interpretation the only basis for negotiations?

Answer:

No. There has been a great deal of discussion between our committee and the North York Board since the publication of the Partlow Report. On Feb. 6, trustee Mel Shipman submitted a "white paper" which indicated more acceptable approaches to integration.

The trustees accepted this memorandum as a basis from which to negotiate and Shipman's committee then identified a number of areas which had to be discussed with the ministry.

Q: Will changes in provincial legislation be required in the case of integration?

A: We're working that out right now. The North York Board has submitted a series of questions to the Ministry of Education and to the Metropolitan Toronto School Board covering such areas as accommodation, admission policies, school hours, and teacher certification. They're asking for clarification of the ministry's position regarding some of the proposals we've come up with to ensure that our identity is preserved. They're also asking for approval where approval is necessary.

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Row over Holocaust play sees Goody resign post

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Associate Editor

TORONTO —

Max Goody has resigned as chairman of the Congress Central Region Holocaust committee after the CJC officers decided to cancel a play he had arranged to be presented at Adath Israel.

"What kind of democratic structure is this if the officers can overrule the executive," Goody exclaimed when interviewed by **The Candian Jewish News** last week.

The regional executive voted April 11 to support the officers' decision to cancel the controversial play, despite its earlier decision to co-sponsor it along with Adath Israel.

Milton Harris, Central Region chairman, charged that

Max Goody

Goody's idea of democracy "is that a chairman of a committee can do anything he wants to."

Continued Harris: "I take full responsibility for the officers' decision. I sold the officers on this. Goody had no support from his committee."

Ironically, it was Harris who appointed Goody to the position. "I wanted to make the Holocaust observance a more important event to the Jewish community and to seek a broader appeal for the program," Harris told **The CJN.**

As chairman, Goody said he wanted to establish a Holocaust museum in Toronto, to compile a book from the personal experiences of the survivors and to write a [illegible] Holocaust. He also wanted to hold a number of Holocaust services in Toronto and modify the annual community-wide ser-

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World News

Abdul is not old fashioned

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

BEERSHEBA —
Abdul, a handsome Negev Bedouin, will soon have a second wife, 10 years younger and much better looking than his first.

Of course, he will be violating Israeli law by wedding her, for polygamy — traditional among both Moslems and Yemenite Jews — was banned by the Knesset in the early 50's. But the Beersheba Police, with whom Abdul is on good terms, tend to turn a blind eye to "innocent" violations of the law among the Bedouin, and his first wife, a traditionally submissive desert woman, wouldn't dream of making a fuss.

Abdul himself is anything but a traditional Bedouin, one content to tend sheep and watch the seasons roll by in their appointed order. On the contrary, he is part and parcel of 20th-century, achievement-oriented Israeli society.

Born in a goatskin tent southeast of Beersheba, Abdul only gradually became aware of the world outside the boundaries of his tribe. But once he did, he determined to flee restrictive tribal society, first by serving in the army (as many Bedouins do on a voluntary basis) and then by moving to Jerusalem.

Abdul arrived in the Holy City soon after the Six Day War and with little difficulty found a remunerative occupation as a door-to-door book salesman. Wandering through the Jewish quarters, Abdul slickly extolled the virtues of a well-known children's encyclopaedia as well as offering a selection of popular Six-Day-War albums. He might have remained in Jerusalem were it not for his abortive love affair with a Jewish girl, which ended, short of marriage, because of opposition from her family and his.

On the rebound, Abdul turned to his tribe for a wife, who was promptly provided for him by the local matchmaker. The marriage has been something of a disappointment, both because he finds that he can't talk to her ("like one talks to a Jewish girl") and because she has only given birth to girls (four at this point). His new wife, Abdul hopes, will provide him with some boys, even though he fully realizes that it is the man who determines the sex of a baby.

Abdul is seldom at his tribal home during the week. Instead, he moves up and down the Coastal Plain in his 1973 model pickup truck, pruning and cutting down trees. His expertise is such that he earns some IL10,000 a month (more than twice what he would take in as a university professor or the director-general of a government ministry).

Prone to name-dropping, Abdul lets his customers know that he has pruned trees not only in citrus orchards, but also in the Weizmann Institute and in Savyon (a luxury suburb outside Tel Aviv). And if the conversation turns to the economic problems of his employers, this enterprising Bedouin is always ready with tongue-in-cheek solutions.

Abdul knows that many Arabs distrust or even hate Bedouin like him, because they volunteer for service in the Army and because they are so clearly identified with Israel. This, however, doesn't seem to bother him.

"Israel", he explains, "offers ample economic opportunities to anyone who is willing to work and," he adds with a twinkle in his eyes, "that is more important than anything else to a man who will soon have two wives to support."

Public officials including three U.S. senators lead a parade down New York's Fifth Avenue in support of Soviet Jews and their right to emigrate from the USSR. From left are: two unidentified men, Sen. Henry Jackson, Rep. Edward Koch of New York, Sen. Hubert Humphrey, Eugene Gold of Greater New York Conference of Soviet Jewry and Sen. William Brock of Tennessee. (Religious News)

Receptions throughout world

Anniversary attracts diplomats

WASHINGTON [JTA] —
The ambassadors of at least 40 countries and other public figures attended a reception at the Israeli embassy here marking the 27th anniversary of Israel's independence. Similar receptions were held at the Israeli embassies in Paris, London and The Hague. Among the ambassadors who greeted Ambassador and Mrs. Simcha Dinitz in Washington were the envoys of Rumania, the only Communist bloc country that maintains diplomatic ties with Israel, and Ireland. Israel and the Irish Republic only recently established formal diplomatic relations.

President Ford was represented at the Embassy reception by L. William Seidman, his assistant for economic affairs. Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Joseph J. Sisco headed a contingent from the State Department. AFL CIO president George Meany was among the guests, as was former Israeli foreign minister Abba Eban.

In Paris, Ambassador Asher Ben Natan opened the embassy's doors to the entire Israeli colony in the French capital. A Paris synagogue was the scene of the first reading of the special Independence Day prayer composed by Israel's two chief rabbis. Groups of Jewish high school students presented roses to passersby in the Place de La Republique. The students were members of the Voltaire High School's Zionist committee.

Hundreds of guests attended an informal reception at the Israeli Embassy in London where they were greeted by Ambassador and Mrs. Gideon Rafael. The embassy became a meeting place for Israelis living in London and members of the Anglo-Jewish community. There were also many non-Jewish well-wishers. Later in the day, Ambassador and Mrs. Rafael flew to Dublin to hold an Independence Day reception for Irish leaders. Rafael serves the dual role of Ambassador to both Britain and Ireland. A diplomatic reception at the Israeli Embassy in The Hague was attended by about 350 persons who were addressed by Ambassador Hanan Bar. The guests included Foreign Minister Max van der Stohl, Defence Minister Hendrik Vredeling and several deputy ministers along with the chairmen of Holland's major political parties. TheDutch branch of the World Zionist Organization held an Independence Day celebration at an Amsterdam theatre. All 650 seats were sold out in advance.

Israel unveils Kfir, locally-built fighter

TEL AVIV [JCNS] —
Following two years of speculation in international aviation circles, Israel has unveiled its locally-built jet fighter, the Kfir, which means Lion Cub. The compact delta-wing, single-seat jet, with a speed of more than twice that of sound, has an operational ceiling of 50,000 feet and puts Israel among that select group of states with the technology to build a modern, combat aircraft.

At a ceremony at an airfield near here, Israel's prime minister, Yitzhak Rabin, said: "We salute Jewish ingenuity for marrying the beauty of French design with the power of an American engine so producing an aircraft which enables our airforce to operate better, higher and deeper," Rabin went on: "I think we can safely rate the Kfir among the best of its generation of aircraft."

Taking the wraps off the aircraft ends a long period of press speculation about the aircraft, once dubbed "Barak" (Lightning). Few details of the aircraft's capabilities have been released.

Largest newspaper is Jewish Week

NEW YORK —
The Jewish Week and The American Examiner, formerly affiliated with The Jewish Week of Washington, has attained the largest verifiable circulation of any Jewish newspaper in the English language in the world.

The expansion of the paper's readership to more than 110,000 was made possible through an arrangement for its distribution to contributors to the Greater New York United Jewish Appeal and the New York Federation of Jewish Philanthropies. Those in the New York area who formerly received a contributors' periodical called **Campaign World** will now receive **The Jewish Week** and **The American Examiner**.

The Jewish Examiner of Brooklyn, which later became part of **The Jewish Week** and **American Examiner**, reached a high of 50,000 readers for a time after World War II, one of the largest circulations ever attained by an English language Jewish newspaper up to that time.

The Washington paper, founded in 1965 as a successor to the 35-year-old tabloid **National Jewish Ledger**, continues to share some of the New York paper's editorial features. Other than that, the two publications operate independently of one another.

Women to be admitted

NEW YORK —
The new president of the Rabbinical Assembly predicted here last week that women will be admitted to membership in the Assembly within the foreseeable future.

Rabbi Mordecai Waxman, in his presidential address opening the 75th anniversary convention of the Conservative rabbinate, cited his prediction as an example of the organization's flexibility and its policy of adapting traditional Judaism to changing times.

"While it was set forth in a responsum in 1955 that women be allowed to be called to the Torah, this decision did not begin to be implemented...until the issue of women's rights became a major issue in society as a whole and in Jewish life in the 1970's," he said. "The result has been that an issue that might have split congregations 15 or 20 years ago is being settled...not without disagreements, but without great acrimony.

"The same pragmatic sense will operate to settle, in due time, all the unresolved questions about the status of women in Jewish life and law," he concluded.

Meanwhile, Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, executive vice-president of the Rabbinical Assembly, said he envisioned the day when rabbis will be employees of the local community rather than of individuals congregations, and when Jewish education and other synagogue functions will similarly be supported by the community.

Kelman also said that a new pattern of a "more personalized, less centralized and less authoritarian synagogue" that may be supported by local Jewish federations, is emerging in North America.

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Haim Shaked on Arab-Israeli dispute

Direct talks can moderate Israel's position

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

Once the Arab world agrees to the principle of direct negotiation, that would create an atmosphere in Israel which would enable any Israeli government to be much more moderate than it can afford to be now, according to Professor Haim Shaked, Israeli expert on international affairs, at a recent press conference.

The director of the Shiloah Center for Middle Eastern And African Studies and dean of the faculty of humanities at Tel Aviv University, is currently visiting professor in international affairs at Carleton University, Ottawa. He was in Hamilton at the invitation of the Political Science Department of McMaster University to deliver a public lecture on **Israel and the Arab World — Current Prospects for Peace.**

In a scholarly analysis of the situation, Dr. Shaked expressed himself cautiously and confessed that he himself was not clear exactly what stage had been reached. "We are still in an interim period," he said, "and therefore all parties to the conflict are still extremely careful with each other with regard to how to treat one another."

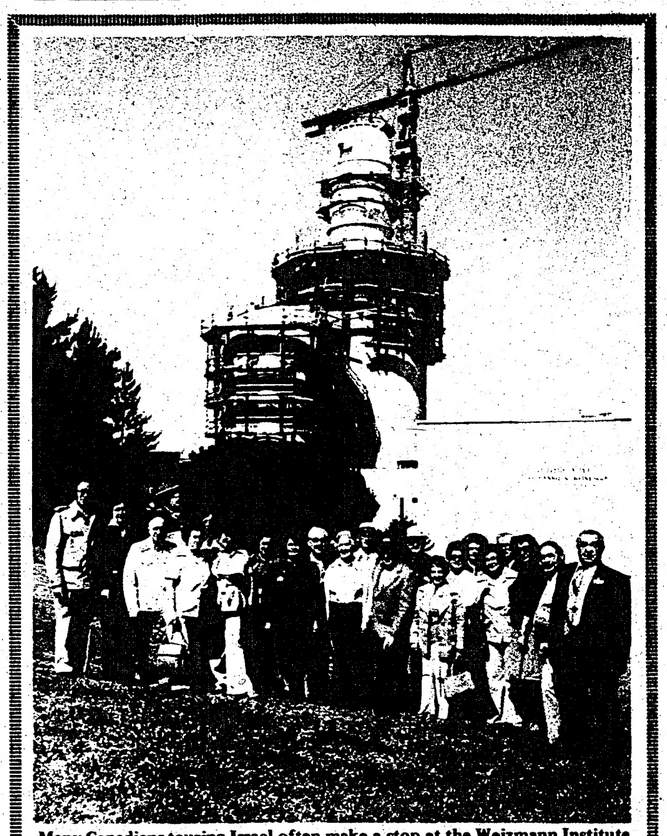
During the preceding press conference, however, Dr. Shaked was a shade more optimistic. Even though he suggested that "the chances of a planned, or even more so, an unplanned war, have grown recently with the breakdown of Kissinger diplomacy... I think that in the long run there are quite good possibilities for a peace in the full sense of the word in the Middle East.

Dr. Shaked did not see the formation of a Palestinian state on the West Bank as a viable proposition for the near future but agreed that eventually there would have to be some form of "Palestinian national expression in a form on which most Palestinians will have to be agreed."

On the question of direct negotiation with the Palestinians he pointed out that to the best of his knowledge "the Israeli government or public have never felt that they were not going to deal with the Palestinians. I think all Israelis, including government ministers and the man in the street, recognize that the Palestinian issue is one of the major ingredients of the conflict and that it has to be solved in a way that has to be satisfactory to all parties involved. What the Israeli government has said is that it is not willing to negotiate with the PLO as the sole representatives of the Palestinian people."

Dr. Shaked saw the situation between Israel and Egypt as the most likely on which a solution can be reached. Provided the two countries can accommodate each other's viewpoints and wishes and political aims, he saw the bulk of the Sinai being returned to Egypt and the borders eventually drawn somewhere near the pre-June 1967 borders.

As for the Golan, however, "as long as there is a chance of renewal of hostilities...Israel will be reluctant to give back major parts of the Golan Heights. But if the basic situation changes...and the situation is defused and the chance of war becomes negligible, then the Golan territory assumes a very different nature. Rather than a military outpost, it can become a beautiful area for tourists."



Many Canadians touring Israel often make a stop at the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot. This group, who were attending the Zionist Organization of Canada convention, pose in front of Pelletron Accelerator Installation which will be enclosed in the Koffler Tower on the campus in Rehovot.

Rabbi Jordan Pearlson elected new VP of Hebrew Union College alumni group

CINCINNATI —

Rabbi Jordan Pearlson of Temple Sinai, Toronto, has been elected new vice-president of the Hebrew Union College — Jewish Institute of Religion Alumni Association.

The HUC-JIR, Reform Judaism's institute of higher learning, will observe its centennial anniversary this fall as the oldest rabbinic school in North America. The school maintains campuses in Cincinnati, New York, Los Angeles and Jerusalem and trains rabbis, cantors, communal service professionals and prepares graduate and post-graduate students for academic careers.

In announcing Rabbi Pearlson's election, Dr. Alfred Gottschalk, president of the College-Institute, said, "We look forward to working with Rabbi Pearlson. His long experience in Jewish and community relations and his interfaith activities will enhance the endeavors of the College-Institute. Our centennial year will be enriched by his contributions."

Ordained in 1956, Rabbi Pealson has been rabbi of Temple Sinai since its founding. A native of Boston, Massachusetts, he holds degrees in economics and law as well as his degree in Hebrew Letters from the College-Institute, where he was on the faculty of the graduate program for Jewish religious educators.

Rabbi Pearlson is a member of the Board of Governors and the board of alumni overseers of the HUC-JIR and is one of 60 North American leaders selected for the board of governors of the Institute for Jewish Life of the Council of Jewish Welfare Funds. He has served as a member of the Commission of Psychiatry and Religion and the Joint Commission on Interfaith Activities of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and is now a member of the Commission on Social Action of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

A member of the national executive and Centre Region chairman of the Joint Community Relations Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Rabbi Pearlson also is a member of the national executive committee of the Canada-Israel Committee. He is chairman of the National Religious Advisory Committee of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and Canadian delegate to the international consultations between the Jewish people and the World Council of Churches in Geneva and London as well as consulting regularly with the Canadian Catholic Conference in meetings designed to deal with the Vatican document on the Jews.

Rabbi Jordan Pearlson

AJCS annual meeting for May

MONTREAL —

The forthcoming AJCS annual meeting and community conference is expected to constitute a substantial step forward to its continuing democratization.

The meeting, scheduled for May, will be entitled **Decisions '75 — Current Issues Facing the Jewish Community.**

This year, for the first time, the combined annual meeting and community conference is not expected be a 'rubber stamp affair.'

Last year's community conference was devoted to a discussion on the Jewish family.

This year, President Charles Bronfman will not only hand down his report but will take questions from the floor. Actions taken by AJCS board of trustees and committees in the past year will be submitted for approval.

The report will feature by-law amendments, a financial statement and news on the appointment of auditors. The most fundamental by-law change is that only volunteer service to AJCS or any one of its agencies is required in order to have voting rights. In the past, a $25 donation was mandatory.

An important concern of the Bronfman presidency is making AJCS more responsive to community needs. At last year's gathering, a motion from the floor was adopted to allocate CJA money to private schools heavily in debt.

The program also includes the presentation of the Bronfman Medal, the most prestigious award for Jewish communal service in Canada, leadership citations and the Community Service Award.

Satok's proposals must be clarified, joint meeting is told

TORONTO —

The need to obtain clarification of the Satok proposals was stressed at the first formal meeting of Congress and the Welfare Fund since both organizations approved merger into a new body to be named the Toronto Jewish Congress.

The Canadian Jewish News was invited to attend a news conference following the meeting (April 17) but the reporter was told by leaders of both organizations there was "no comment" other than "negotiations are progressing."

According to an informed source, the implications of the Satok proposals were not fully understood by those who attended the meeting. It is believed for this reason that the Satok proposals were not made public.

David Satok, national vice-president of Congress, made his proposals regarding the community's structure earlier this month to a CJC officers' meeting. They were unanimously accepted by the meeting.

J.B. Salsberg, a leading opponent of merger, said however the Satok proposals were only approved by a senior officers' committee, not the regional executive.

"I do not think...negotiations (with the Welfare Fund) should be proceeded with before the regional executive has an opportunity to become acquainted with them (the Satok proposals) and pass an opinion," he told **The CJN.**

Oakville launches campaign

OAKVILLE —

The Jewish community here launched its first organized United Israel Appeal campaign recently, with Warren Weiss and Dr. David Posen heading the fund-raising drive. The community's contributions were up 300% over last year.

Zvi Garcy, a special emissary from Israel, told a gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Weiss that Israel faces pressing political and economic problems. The following day, Garcy and Posen visited and canvassed those who were unable to attend the meeting.

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Israel will not bow to pressure and will continue to stand firm

American Secretary of Defence James Schlesinger tripped himself up the other day. Appearing on a national television program, Schlesinger was asked whether, if he were handling Israel's defence requirements, he would withdraw Israeli troops from the Golan Heights and the Sinai Peninsula without "a complete transformation of Arab political attitudes toward Israel — more specifically, a guarantee or a recognition on the part of the Arabs that Israel has a right to survive."

Obviously rattled by the sharp question, Schlesinger somehow or other conceded that he, too, would be "inclined to resist withdrawal" of Israeli forces from these contested areas as long as the Arab states refused to recognize Israel. Schlesinger's remarks are particularly pertinent in the light of Henry Kissinger's failure to achieve a second-stage disengagement accord in the Sinai.

Israel was loathe to cede the Abu Rodeis oilfields and the Mitla and Gidi passes because all Egypt seemed to be interested in was purely a military agreement that may not have carried the process of peace any further than the desert wastes. It is probably true that at this early stage in negotiations, significant political pacts which Israel sought are clearly out of the question, but to ask Israel to accept a mere armistise agreement in return for undetermined or insubstantial gains is to ask for the impossible and the unreasonable.

Prime Minister Rabin, in his Independence Day speech, declared that Israel will not bow to any pressure but will continue to stand firm in order to promote genuine movement towards genuine peace. He said Israel intends to continue its quest towards this goal but would not "experiment with its vital security in return for vague commitments and fragile arrangements."

Israel knows the peril of inflexibility in its approach to the Palestinian question, and this problem was summed up in Hamilton last week by Professor Haim Shaked, distinguished Israeli authority on international affairs. While he did not see the formation of a Palestinian state on the West Bank as a viable proposition for the near future, he said that eventually "there will have to be some form of Palestinian national expression in a form on which most Palestinians agree."

Crime has become major problem in Israel during the last decade

Although war and the state of the economy are the two overwhelming concerns of most Israelis, the nation's attention has lately been riveted on a subject which receives scant notice in the international press — crime.

Amid the spectre of war and economic dislocation, the country has of late been shaken by two major murders and the publication of the lurid reminiscences of a Yom Kippur War invalid charged in the brutal slaying of a 19-year old woman. In the first case, the placid resort town of Netanya was rocked when a deranged army deserter, tossing hand grenades into a packed discotheque, killed six civilians. A week later, a 21-year old youth from Petach Tikvah surrendered to police two hours after he shot to death three of his friends with a machinegun.

On the heels of these outrages, **Yediot Aharonot**, the sensational tabloid, acceded to a request by the slain girl's father soldier to cease running the diaries of Yoram Bichonsky, accused of strangling Rachel Heller. The father convinced the management of the newspaper to stop publishing the disclosures by pleading that he, the sole survivor of a family decimated in the Holocaust, could not live with himself as long as his dead daughter was being "dishonored" by the press.

Ten years ago, crime was practically unknown in Israel. But today gangland murder, robbery and protection rackets seem to be thriving. According to some estimates, some 500 Israelis make their living from burglary, robbery, prostitution, protection, narcotics smuggling or gambling. In spite of the gloomy picture, however, crime has not reached dangerous proportions: muggings are all but nonexistent and rape is a rarity.

Israeli gangsters come in all shapes and sizes, too, and interestingly, a handful of the criminal fraternity are observant Jews: After Meir Ben-Lulu, a leader of a narcotics and prostitution ring, was shot to death in an orange grove, a religious member of the gang that killed him became troubled that he had been buried without proper ritual. As a result, he arranged to have the corpse moved to a cemetery. Ironically, his sense of propriety backfired. The police learned of the burial and three suspects were arrested.

The causes of crime in Israel are varied. According to Inspector-General of Police Shaul Rosolio, guns are easily and cheaply obtained, stolen and looted from previous wars or bought on the black market, and the knowledge to use them is widespread because military service is almost universal. Mr. Rosolio also states that since Israeli life is full of tension and frustrations agression is spawned. As he puts it: "Let's face it. We are an aggressive society. We are aggressive in our relations with one another. We drive aggressively. So our crimes are becoming more aggressive."

Dr. Leon Sheleff, a lecturer of criminology and sociology at Tel Aviv University, thinks that the growing crime rate stems from the affluence unleashed by the Six Day War. "Prosperity came too quickly and it wasn't equally shared. It widened the gap between the established society and the marginal elements."

That analysis is probably correct. The majority of the criminals in Israel are formed in the culture of poverty. Most criminals are of North African and Asian orgin. They were never properly absorbed into the mainstream of society. Born and raised in slums like Hatikvah and Florentine, they rarely finish elementary or high school, take to juvenile delinquency (an endemic problem in Israel) and usually wind up as hardened criminals.

The spectacle of poverty is further compounded by the fact that pitifully little money is available in besieged Israel to solve the gnawing social-gap. As long as the threat of war hovers over the nation and the budget is consumed by defence spending, it is quite unlikely that crime will be subdued.

Yet it must be solved if Israel is to maintain a viable and healthy society. The first mayor of Tel Aviv, Dizengoff, once jokingly remarked that Zionism could only be successful if it succeeded in creating a normal lifestyle for the Jews in the Yishuv. To Dizengoff, "normal" appeared to include the good, the bad and the ugly–cultural excellence, patriotism, corruption and crime.

Dizengoff's prophecy, unfortunately, has been fulfilled in the Land of Israel.

In pursuing dark art of real politik U.S. contradicts itself in Mideast

In international politics, irony and paradox are common enough bedfellows. It is therefore reasonable that the United States, one of the world's foremost practitioners of the dark art of real politik, speaks with two separate and contradictory voices so far as the Middle East is concerned.

Henry Kissinger threatens the recalcitrant Arabs with a violent takeover of their tempting oil fields if the recession-bound U.S. economy is endangered by economic strangulation. President Ford, blandly nodding in agreement, corroborates his secretary of state's ominous remarks. He adds, however, that military action is really only a remote possibility, a mere contingency plan that some mad Strangelove has concocted.

Then, in an apparent 180 degree turn, the U.S. Vinnell Corp. wins a $77 million contract from the Pentagon to train the Saudi Arabian National Guard to protect the oil wells the American marines may one day attempt to capture.

Earlier, Congress authorizes $1.5 billion in aid to an ally and friend, Israel. A few months later, an older ally and friend, Saudi Arabia, purchases $800 million worth of arms from the United States. It does not matter, of course, that Saudi F-4 Phantoms will probably be secretly transfered to Egypt, the strongest Arab land confronting Israel. And it is assumed that in another Arab-Israeli war these opposing Phantoms will clash in the skies.

Meanwhile, American-made tanks may battle each other on the Jordanian frontier, and Lebanese anti-tank guns manufactured in the United States will duel with Israeli armor fabricated in California or Michigan. And so on and so on.

This topsy-turvy world of ours is obviously not as orderly and stable as some might think. The U.S. allegedly seeks to establish order, but in the Middle East, American arms (not to mention Russian, French and British arms) wreak havoc and destruction, and further forestall the prospect of peace and stability.

Massive public relations blitz begun

Disparaging comments by Washington, after Kissinger's failure, causes concern

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon went to Washington last week in an attempt to mollify a moody Henry Kissinger, who, a month earlier, had left Ben Gurion Airport emotionally shaken because he had failed to reconcile Israel and Egypt's conflicting views on a second-stage disengagement in the Sinai.

Whatever Allon achieved at the State Department, it is unlikely that he managed to still the raging controversy over why the strong-willed Kissinger was unable to bridge the gap between Israel's yearning for peace and security and Egypt's persistent demand for a return to the 1967 frontiers.

Although Kissinger seemed to go out of his way to blame neither side for the setback, and remarked that the United States "remains fully committed to the survival of Israel," he and President Ford let it be known that they were quite displeased with the attitude Israel had adopted in rejecting Egypt's terms for a settlement. In private conversations and in careful leaks to the press, Kissinger deplored what he regarded as the shortsighted stance taken by Jerusalem. And in an interview with the Hearst newspaper chain, President Ford made it clear that the chances of a Middle East peace would have been enhanced if Israel had displayed more flexibility.

Within days of Kissinger's return from the Middle East, President Ford stunned and embittered the Israelis by ordering a total re-examination of United States policy. Publicly, the "reassessment" is meant to try to find ways to avert a fifth Arab-Israeli war. In actual fact, however, the focus of the re-evaluation is to analyse Washington's relationship with Jerusalem in the light of Kissinger's and Ford's belief that Israel missed a crucial chance to get serious negotiations underway.

Israeli officials, deeply worried by the disparaging statements emanating from the White House and the State Department, have launched a massive public relations and fence-mending blitz to prove that Egypt is the culprit of the piece. The thrust of the campaign is that Egypt, in insisting on an Israeli withdrawal from the mountain passes and oil fields without willing to commit herself to a state of non-belligerency, was merely seeking a better position for a war to destroy Israel.

Two politicians who became well-acquainted with one another over the years are U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger (top) and Israel Foreign Minister Yigal Allon. (IPPA)

Some policy-makers in Washington may accept that argument, but significantly, an influential segment will probably not be convinced by the thesis that Egypt is out to dismantle Israel. And senior Israeli diplomats, cognizant of this fact, are therefore concerned about the effect the breakdown may have on aid from the United States. Israel wants a record $2.5 billion in economic and military aid. With most other possible sources of arms and financial assistance non-existent, the request is viewed as more crucial than ever.

Unfortunately, too, Israel is painfully dependent on the U.S. for broad political support at the United Nations and at the forthcoming Geneva conference, which will probably reconvene in the summer. With Western Europe and Latin America increasingly at the mercy of Arab oil, Israel certainly cannot count on their help in either diplomatic disputes or military crises.

Neither, in the United States itself, can Israel be entirely confident of garnering traditional Congressional support. Congress is not less pro-Israel than in the past, but it is becoming more concerned about open-ended commitments to any country, more worried about being dragged into a war and less hostile to Arab territorial claims.

In the academic community, support for the hard Israeli position is diminishing. In the April issue of **Foreign Affairs**, the highly influential periodical which reflects the highest official views in the United States, Stanley Hoffmann of Harvard writes that "it is time for a sweeping Israeli initiative aimed at a peace settlement." Hoffmann, like many of his colleagues in academia and government, thinks that since Israel will ultimately have to withdraw to the 1967 green line, it is to her advantage to place the Arabs on the defensive by being more bold and imaginative in her diplomacy.

As persuasive as Hoffmann's argument may be, it is difficult to believe that the Israeli cabinet will readily adopt a position that satisfies the White House and the Arab countries. In fact, the fruitless Kissinger mission is a striking example of the complexities and anomalies which have invariably inhibited the Arabs and Israelis.

Basically, Arab suspicion that President Sadat might be moving too fast too soon imposed restraints on Cairo's ability to accept the concept of non-belligerency, which Israel insisted upon as the price for a further withdrawal. Within Israel there was the feeling that if she had to surrender Arab land, it was wiser to do so in the context of a comprehensive settlement rather than agree to a new interim military accord that would only provide an illusion of peace. Also, for more selfish reasons, the weak Rabin government was in no mood to sign its political life away for a pact which much of the population may have excoriated.

With the Kissinger mission in a shambles, Israel must now prepare herself for the rigors of Geneva, where Jerusalem will have to face not one antagonist but several — including Syria, Russia and probably the PLO.

In a sense, the collapse of the Kissinger talks was beneficial. Perhaps now, with the threat of war hovering over the combattants, the Israelis and the Arabs will come to the realization that an over-all approach to peace is far more effective than a piece-meal approach.

Tough negotiations at Geneva may very well achieve what Henry Kissinger failed to do in "shuttle diplomacy."

Returning 65 years later, she again gained notoriety

Visit to Canada in 1907 by 'Queen of Anarchists' stirred up controversy with her outspoken ideology

By A.J. ARNOLD

[Second of two parts]

A.J. Arnold

Anarchist Emma Goldman arrived in Winnipeg for her first visit on April 10, 1907. She had been in Toronto a few weeks earlier as part of a lecture tour which had already taken her to eight cities.

In Winnipeg she was booked for five lectures at the Trades Hall labor headquarters under the auspices of the Anarchist branch of the Winnipeg Radical club. Her topics were: **Misconceptions of Anarchism, The Spirit of Revolt in Modern Drama, Direct Action vs. Legislation, Crimes of Parents and Educators** and **The Position of the Jews in Russia.** She spoke three times in English, once in Yiddish and once in Russian or German.

The Voice, weekly publication of the Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council, was the first to announce her visit, including a report from a Toronto daily commenting on her lecture there on **Misconceptions of Anarchism.**

"Emma Goldman, whose name conjures up thoughts of shrieking mobs, exploding bombs and general carnage," the Toronto paper editorialized, "did not look the part assigned to her in the public imagination. About her was nothing of the virago...

"And the thoughts to which she gave utterance were, for an anarchist, expressed with some degree of moderation. Perhaps the fact that there was no great tyrant walking about in Toronto, unless the Street Railway Company is to be placed in that category, may account for this.

"Miss Goldman, having been born in Russia and educated in Germany, necessarily has a peculiar idea about responsible government. She says governments do their utmost to set class against class, sex against sex, individual against individual..."

"By the time of her 1907 visit to Canada, Emma Goldman had already earned her reputation as "Queen of the Anarchists," a title she did not yet merit in the period covered by Carol Bolt's play (which completes its run at Winnipeg's MTC on April 12).

The **Winnipeg Tribune** reported Goldman's arrival in a front page story telling of an early morning phone call "that clearly set at naught the rules of society" with an injunction to come at once. The intrepid reporter who took the assignment wrote that he "bade his office mates a last farewell, gave them directions for the disposition of such fragments of his remains as might be gathered up after the expected bomb explosion and sallied forth..."

Knowing he was about to call upon the "woman leader of an organization at whose door have been laid some of the chief crimes of the century" the reporter said he almost pictured her "as a swarthy American, six feet or more, tall and with a voice like sounding brass."

Having the experience, however, "of being married to almost five feet two of feminine forcefulness" **The Tribune** writer admitted he was not surprised to find Emma Goldman:

"...A small woman with a soft voice and ready smile but withal of seriousness quite fitting to one who preaches a gospel so new that it has not yet advanced beyond the stage of persecution and unbelief so violent that law and anarchy, as each is understood, represent the antipodes of human thought and human action."

A comprehensive account of Emma Goldman's philosophy and activities followed. And the next day **The Tribune** headlined its report of her opening address: "Lecture not Sensational."

By contrast the **Winnipeg Free Press** account of her lecture proclaimed: "She Abuses our Freedom" and added: "Anarchist lecturer attacks principles of British constitution." The **Free Press** editorialized that anarchy as a philosophy was "harmless" as long as no one was "half-witted enough to carry it into practical effect." But anarchism was "a set of principles (that) justify murder," the **Free Press** declared and charged that anarchists had "begun to destroy society by the agency of the bomb."

Another paper, the **Winnipeg Telegram,** while concerned about Emma Goldman "sowing seeds of discontent" was confident that "the weeds of anarchism have little chance to grow" among British institutions.

A **Tribune** editorial actually came to Goldman's defence, saying it was "unjust to accuse her of having abused British freedom of speech" and declaring it absurd to denounce anarchism (for teaching) bomb throwing and other violence (when it) teaches the opposite of violence.

"Emma Goldman, while in Winnipeg, indulged in no dangerous rantings and made no statement that deserves more than moderate criticism of its wisdom and logic," **The Tribune** declared.

The Labor Voice praised her address on **The Spirit of Revolt in Modern Drama** where she used Bernard Shaw's "Mrs. Warren's Profession" for a frank discussion of prostitution and presented "a pretty strong indictment against society and commercialism."

Goldman was criticized by the labor weekly, however, for her lecture on **Direct Action Vs. Legislation** because "it really dealt with anarchism vs. socialism and militant rather than philosophical anarchism was expounded." Several leading Winnipeg socialists strongly criticized her views and the **Voice** expressed special opposition to her anti-government attitude. It concluded that she "probably...did not make a single convert to her doctrine."

There is no report of her Yiddish lecture because the Yiddish press had not yet been established in Winnipeg in 1907. The Jewish question did come up however, at one of her English lectures where according to the **Free Press,** a questioner asked: "What ought to be done with the Hebrew race, who live chiefly out of the produce of others' labor."

"The lady waxed warm, in reply," the **Free Press** stated, "and contended they were great producers, and said the reason they did not do more producing was because they had not access to the land. 'You get off his back' she exclaimed, 'and give him a chance'."

In 1919 Emma Goldman and her colleague Alexander (Sasha) Berkman, together with hundreds of other anarchists, Communists and people of similar beliefs, were deported from the U.S. to Russia. It was two years after the Bolshevik revolution and in the midst of the civil war and military intervention against the new Soviet state. Goldman and Berkman thought they would be able to work for the revolution.

They soon discovered that under the Soviet regime anarchists were having more trouble than in the United States. Within two years they became convinced that the Communist dictatorship had betrayed the revolution and they left Russia once again.

Now virtually stateless, Emma Goldman was repeatedly arrested throughout Europe and no country would give her permanent asylum. By 1925 she was living in England where she married a Welsh anarchist so that she could acquire citizenship as a British subject.

In 1972 Goldman came to Canada for about a year and lectured extensively in Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Edmonton. Once again she began to speak on a variety of subjects. But her critical stand against the Soviet government gained her new notoriety. She was sharply attacked by the Communist left, while gaining acceptance by many other organizations from the Arbeiter Ring to the university clubs.

One of the few saving graces Emma Goldman attributed to the Soviet government was that they put an end to the anti-Semitic pogroms of the "White Guard" elements. Nevertheless, she foresaw the danger of anti-Semitism within the Soviet regime itself.

Emma Goldman came to Canada for the last time in 1939 to seek help for Republican Spain against the rise of Franco fascism. It was, of course, too late for Spain and too late for her. She died in Toronto at 71 without ever having forsaken her basic anarchist beliefs.

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ask the rabbi

Sabbath wedding not permitted to prevent writing of any documents

1. Why are Jewish marriages not permitted on the Sabbath?

The reason given in the Talmud (Betzah 37a) is that if marriages were to be permitted it might easily lead to the relevant documents being written on the Sabbath which is, of course, forbidden. This is the ruling in the Shulchan Aruch (Orach Chayyim 339, 4). The famous 16th century teacher, Rabbi Moses Isserles, in his note to this section of the Shulchan Aruch, quotes the opinion of Rashi's grandson, Rabbenu Tam, that it is permitted in the case of a first marriage but, he states, that this is not the view followed.

However, Rabbi Isserles tends to permit it in a real emergency and it is well known that, in the case of an orphan girl whose marriage had been delayed because the groom was dissatisfied with the financial arrangements, Rabbi Isserles himself performed the marriage on the Sabbath in Cracow.

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Israelis from different communities join in the North African Maimuna, the spring festival. Marcia Kretzmer describes it as a mixture of a gigantic family picnic, a collective rite of spring and a folk festival. Thousands take part. (Tova Ben-Or photographs)

Mixture of family picnic, spring rite and folk festival

Maimuna festival is fast becoming institution in Israeli life

By MARCIA KRETZMER

JERUSALEM —

To Jews from the Western or European countries, the last day of Passover signals the close of the festivities of the month of Nissan. But to Jews from the Mahgreb — Morocco and other North African countries, it is the signal for a flurry of preparations for an especially joyous festival, which begins at the conclusion of Passover and continues the following day.

The festival is the Maimuna, which is best described as a mixture of a gigantic family picnic, a collective rite of spring and a folk festival. And it has become something of an institution in Israeli life. This year marked the 10th anniversary of the celebration of the Maimuna in Israel on a large public scale. (Last year, celebrations were cancelled following the terrorist atrocities in Kiryat Shemona.)

The origins of the Maimuna are shrouded in mystery — although the history of the celebration of the festival does not go back further than the 18th century.

One explanation has it that Maimuna is a corruption of Emunah, the Hebrew word, faith. According to tradition, the Jews will be redeemed in the month of Nissan. So the Maimuna is a large, joyous demonstration of faith that this will, in fact, be so. In this connection, many messianic symbols are incorporated into the rituals of the festival: It used to be common to save the wine from Elijah's cup, and wine from the four glasses drunk at the Seder, to mix with the dough for the yeast cakes eaten at the Maimuna. The yeast itself, working in the rising dough, is compared to the ascending fortunes of the Jewish people.

Another popular explanation is that the word Maimuna, is taken from the Arabic Maimuna, meaning joy, or good fortune. According to this version, the Maimuna is a festival of hope for the blessings of prosperity, fertility, and abundance of produce in the coming year. (Nissan, it will be remembered, is the first month of the year. Rosh Hashanah falls in the seventh month.)

A third, and no less popular interpretation of the meaning of the festival, is that it is in memory of Rabbi Maimon, father of the great 12th century sage and scholar, Moses ben Maimon (Maimonides), who according to tradition, died at the conclusion of the Passover.

All kinds of folk tales, Moslem and Jewish, surround the festival. Particularly important, seem to be tales associated with the sea or water, possibly because of the story of the Crossing of the Red Sea, which is read on the seventh day of Pesach. Also important, is the similarity in the sounds of the words Maimuna and the Hebrew word for water: **Mayim.**

Preparations for the Maimuna are well under way before the conclusion of Passover. In old Morocco, the Jews would await the arrival of their Moslem friends and neighbors, who would bring them ears of wheat and barley, beans, lettuces, butter, honey and almonds, and heaps of flowers, with which to dress the festive table. The Jews would also receive yeast, forbidden in the house during Pesach itself, from their Moslem neighbors.

The following day, Jews would flock into gardens and fields owned by Moslems, for open air celebrations. In return for these demonstrations of hospitality and generosity, the latter would receive all kinds of gifts from the Jewish community and many dishes cooked specially for the feast, such as **couscous** and flaky pastries.

This year, the Maimuna was celebrated by Israel's community of half a million citizens of North African descent. They were joined by representatives of overseas communities, hailing from North Africa, in several locations all over the country. However, the major focus of activities, as in other years, was Jerusalem.

From early in the morning, until well after nightfall, small striped tents dotted the slopes of a valley near central Jerusalem. Smoke rising from myriads of fires, mingled with the fragrant aromas of coffee and grilling, skewered meat.

Sounds of rhythmic clapping, and music from stringed instruments and drums rising from each of the little knots of revellers, was interspersed with the music from the public entertainment taking place on a large, raised platform, and broadcast by loudspeakers. This year the performances were broadened to include artists from the Bukharan, Kurdish and Indian communities in Israel.

All this was very much in the spirit of the words of Shaul Ben-Simhon, organizer of the festivities: "This festival, which is part of the Moroccan-Jewish heritage, is offered to all the house of Israel, whether in this country, or abroad, as a festival of brotherhood, hospitality, blessing and hope, a festival of nature, the countryside and springtime."

Early peddlers dealt with

Quest for new Haggadah resumed on 2nd Passover

By J.B. SALSBERG

[Another page for the Canadian Haggadah]

(A word of explanation to my gentle and not so gentle readers. I know that Passover is now a month behind us. But uncle Eliezer's project for a Canadian Haggadah, that will instruct our young to appreciate the role of their pioneering forefathers in this country, remained unfinished. My good uncle and his friends are up in arms and insist that it be completed. My explanation that world events that have a bearing on Israel's future, caused me to interrupt the Haggadah series, was unacceptable to him. "We will always have pressing Jewish problems," he said, "but Haggadahs are not written every day of the week." (Uncle Eliezer's friend, Mendle (he who can read the small print) proposed a compromise. Since there is such a thing as "the second Passover" (Pesach Shainie), which is observed one month after Passover, this series should be resumed on that date. I agreed and here we are.)

So, fill your third cup of wine but do not drink until we will have finished telling the story of the time when our forefathers were Canada's first large-scale recyclers without even knowing that they performed that pioneering role.

When our forefathers from Eastern Europe landed on the shores of this promised land, Canada, they arrived without money. They found no welfare schemes to help them and they were obliged to accept any opportunity that promised to provide them with the barest minimum for subsistence and hopefully leave something for the families they left behind. And so, many of our very energetic pioneers turned their hands to many things and one of them was peddling.

In the early days of our sojourn in this land there were two main reasons for our forerunners to engage in peddling. Some turned to it because they couldn't find anything else to do after they landed. Others chose it because they had no trade to pursue or because their orthodox lifestyle — beards, dress, strict observance of kashruth and attendance at synagogue services — placed insurmountable restrictions on their choice of occupations.

Also, there was no need for capital in this self-employed field. One borrowed a few dollars and one was in business. A friend or relative, who was already peddling, would take the newcomer along for a day or two to teach him the minimum needed for going it alone.

As for language that, too, was easily overcome. The novice was told that the people here are very honest and if they offer something for sale and you don't know that value of what's offered you ask: "How much." When they suggest a price, you say "too much" and when they make a new suggestion you say, "alright", and then you pay. If you didn't understand what the agreed-to figure was, you could let them select the correct amount from your hand.

There were many varieties of peddling of course. There were junk peddlers, chicken peddlers, dry-goods peddlers, stationery peddlers and even peddlers of eye-glasses. Then there were city peddlers and country peddlers (the bearded Orthodox gentlemen did not, as a rule, work in the countryside). Some peddlers pulled or pushed pushcarts, others drove horse and wagons and still others (especially those in dry goods) carried their wares on their backs.

Many country peddlers later settled in small towns or villages, moved their families there and fought like lions to retain traditional form of "Yiddishkeit" in their isolated locations. Most of such families, in the absence of sufficient numbers to form a Jewish school, would return to the big centres, where Jewish schooling was available, when their children grew older.

I doubt whether statistics were kept in those days of the volumes of reclaimed materials, but if such statistics had been kept they would have revealed a truly colossal volume of valuable reclamation that our pioneering Jews were responsible for. Nowadays that would be called recycling and those engaged in its achievement would be honored for renewing the country's assets. But in those days our elders did not even know that they were patriotic recyclers. They just did it because it provided them with a livelihood...

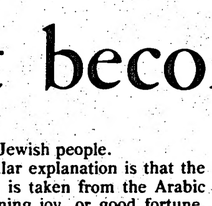
But their unawareness of the constructive work they were engaged in does not diminish the value of their contribution. Trillions of tons of wrought iron, steel, copper, brass, rags, papers and myriads of bottles were collected and re-used in the productive processes of the country.

Yes, our forefathers clothed the nation in those days and many still do, but let us not fail to honor the memories of those who built their foundations in this new land through their hard and useful work in the field if recycling the country's wealth. Indeed, many great and enduring commercial edifices in steel, clothing, glassware, optical products, furniture and retail merchandising, were built on the foundations that our bygone generation of peddlers laid firmly and well. Their offspring are among our best rabbis, scholars, teachers, scientists and artists.

And so let us raise our third cup of the four traditional cups of wine and let us drink to their memory. Lechayim!

'Self-help is best method to draw closer to holiness; one must lift himself by his bootstraps if necessary'

sparks from the torah



By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Emor/ Lag B'Omer (Tuesday)

Kee kadosh, ani Hashem mikadeesh'chem... For I the L—rd, who sanctify you, am holy...

It's not always easy deciding the right thing to do in life. Even when it comes to helping others, a Jew has to remember not to forget himself as well...

For example...when G—d appointed Aaron's sons and grandsons to become **kohanim,** he told Moses, "warn them — **lineresh lo yeetamo b'amov**...make sure they don't become impure because of their fellow Jews..." Moses asked — "why should you be more worried about the kohanim than anyone else?" But the Ribono shel Olam explained, "Listen, Moses — I know these kohanim are fine people, and take after their grandfather Aaron. He always used to go around making friends with people, drawing them close to each other and towards my Torah... That's all fine — but there's the danger that because they are so buddy-buddy, instead of drawing Jews closer to holiness, they themselves will be drawn to a lower level. So tell them to be close — but not to forget who they are..." (Chozen mee'Lublin)

The truth is, though, there's no help like self-help — every Jew must struggle to bring himself up by his bootstraps. Consider...when G—d mentioned the Sabbath, he said, "**Shabbat he la' Hashem b'chol moshvotaychem**...it is a Sabbath unto the L—rd in all your dwellings..." Why did He have to add the extra words — "in all your dwellings" — where else, the South Pole? But it teaches what fantastic power every Jew has... What happens if a Jew gets lost in a forest or desert, and he plumb forgets what day Shabbos is — what should he do? The law is that he's supposed to count off six days, and make the seventh day Shabbat — even if it turns out to be Wednesday. G—d said, "you do your best, and I'll see that it has some of the holiness of the real Sabbath itself...(Chasam Sofer)

Sometimes a Jew can forget who he is and what he is in the desert of the modern world. But how far he may have wandered, if he sets aside even a little "Sabbath", he clings to even a few commandments that remind him of the Ribono shel Olam — he will suddenly find himself bathed in G—d's own light...

Of course, you can't buy your way into Heaven...but a Jew who helps others study Torah may find he has a box seat in the next world. That's why we find an interesting thing... Before G—d gave us Jews the Torah, he said we should count off 49 days to get ready. But the counting didn't begin on the day we left Egypt, but the next day, when the Jews were supposed to make a barley offering... What's the connection between Torah and **kasha?** But the Almighty said — "how do you expect people to become **talmiday chachomeem** — Torah scholars — by living on air? First bring the "barley", make sure they have enough to eat and survive on...then we can have Torah..."(Ituray Torah)

Toronto has a great reputation for its generosity. Boruch Hashem, every day there are **meshulachim,** representatives from Israel and North America, collecting for this or that institution, or needy person. No Jew should ever say no. Even if a person can only afford to give a dollar, no hand should ever be turned away.

Once a Gentile noticed a Rabbi so lost in thought over a passage in the Talmud, that he did not notice the chair he was sitting on was leaning against his hand, making blood spurt from his fingers. "You Jews are crazy when it comes to Torah," he mocked. The Rabbi answered, "because we were 'crazy', and when G—d offered us the Torah we didn't hesitate and said, 'Na'aseh v'nishma' — we will obey, come what may...' that's how we earned eternal life..."(tractate Sabbath

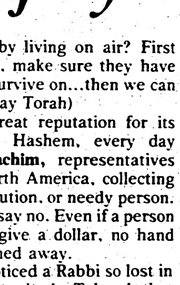
Shabbat Shalom.

Please note our Sparks from the Torah TV schedule: *Metro Cable, Mondays at 7:30, Wednesdays at 5; York Cable, Tuesdays at 8; Willow Downs Cable, Tuesdays at 8:30; Keeble Cable, Thursdays at 8.*

Boys read from torah on occasion of their bar mitzvah.

History has shown that Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, campaigner for social justice and leading Zionist, was often far advanced in his thinking for his time

Landmark Events In Our History



By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO —

Three thousand mourners filled Carnegie Hall while 12,000 others overflowed on to the streets. It was April 22, 1949. The great throng had gathered to pay last respects to Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, who had died three days earlier.

While final steps were being taken for Stephen Wise to be laid to rest next to his beloved wife, Louise, a never-ending stream of letters was delivered to his son, James Waterman Wise, a writer and his daughter, Justine Wise Polier, a judge.

Perhaps this final expression of affection and respect, coming from both Jews and non-Jews from all walks of life, best exemplified the varied struggles that made up his life-struggles, that history has shown, made him one who was often ahead of his time.

While many Jewish Americans frowned on the idea of a Jewish homeland in Palestine and many Americans openly displayed their prejudice against Blacks, Stephen Wise became one of the founders of the Federation of American Zionists, in 1897, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in 1909.

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise

While most Americans pursued the American dream of get-rich-quick, he spent his time helping to form the American Jewish Congress along with such friends as Julian W. Mack and Louis D. Brandeis, as well as playing a leading role in the formulating of the Balfour Declaration.

Following his father's footsteps in the choice of a profession (the year after his birth his family left Hungary for New York City where his father became rabbi of Congregation Rodeph Sholom), he managed to found the Free Synagogue and the Jewish Institute of Religion.

Undeterred by controversy, he continued to fight for social justice and Jewish freedom including aiding strikers, helping to found the American Civil Liberties Union, opposing the corruption of New York's mayor, James J. Walker, voicing his protest against the execution of Sacco and Vanzetti and working to cement relations between Christians and Jews.

Then came his biggest struggle of all. It was Stephen Wise who was one of the first Americans, in the spring of 1933, to call attention publicly to the menace of Hitler. Wracked by ill health, he nevertheless pleaded with officials, wrote letters and called meetings prior to and during the Second World War to attempt to save his people.

Today the new Reform Haggadah (the Jewish Institute of Religion merged with Hebrew Union College in 1948) has a message in it written by Rabbi Wise to all Jews, which is as applicable today as when he wrote it:

"True redemption will come to the Jew only if he bears his name and every burden imposed on him by destiny with gleaming courage and with radiant nobleness... whether or not they evoke the love of the world without..."

Organizations and People

what's new...

By MIRIAM HERMAN

CANTORIAL CONCERT

Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue's Lag B'Omer cantorial concert this Tuesday, April 29, will feature Israeli Cantor Avshalom Zfira, now a concert performer in the U.S., Shaarei Tefillah's own Cantor Ben Zion Miller, and the Shema Kolenu group of Israel yeshiva students which was formed to entertain soldiers during the Yom Kippur War. (One of the original members is Torontonian Zale Newman who was studying at B'nai Akiva Yeshiva Kerem B'Yazneh in Israel when war broke out). The concert goes on at 8 p.m. at the synagogue.

CONSERVATIVE SISTERHOODS

The annual spring conference of the Ontario Branch of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism is set for Sunday and Monday, April 27-28. The theme of the conference, taking place at Beth Am Synagogue, is **A New Heart, A New Spirit.** Edya Arzt, education director of the League's national office in New York, will be keynote speaker at the opening session Sunday at 7:30 p.m. On Monday at 9 a.m. there will be a **Tribute to Israel in Song** by the Beth Tikvah Choir, followed by a dramatic presentation by B'nai Israel Beth David Sisterhood entitled, **Jew,** and then a panel discussion at 10:30 a.m. with Robert Kaplan, Liberal MP for York Centre; Father Arthur Gibson, St. Michael's College; Rabbi Joseph Kelman, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, and Mrs. Helen Smolack, president, Toronto Zionist Council.

RUSSIAN CLUB CONCERT

Another concert to look forward to is the one Holy Blossom Temple's Russian Shalom Club is presenting this Saturday, April 26. The evening of classical and folk music will present Russian baritone Alexander Tumanov, accompanied by the Jacob Groob Trio — Toronto Symphony violinist Jacob Groob, cellist David Heatherington, and pianist Bonnie Silver. The concert is at 8 p.m. at the temple.

VATICAN GUIDELINES

A dialogue on the new Vatican guidelines for Jewish-Christian relations is being sponsored by the dialogue program of the Toronto Anglican and Roman Catholic churches, Tuesday, April 29, at the Church of Our Lady of Assumption, 2565 Bathurst St. Participants will be Professor E.A. Synan, St. Michael's College; Rev. E.S. Mackay, Canadian Council of Churches, and Rabbis Albert Pappenheim of B'nai Israel Beth David and Michael Stroh of Temple Har Zion, past president and president of the Toronto Board of Rabbis. For information, call program director Rev. Peter Gilbert at 221-8634.

ART SHOW

The unique instant art technique of New York artist Morris Katz (he produces a painting in nine minutes) will highlight the spring art show sponsored by Ontario Chapter, Women's Branch, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. It is being held at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue Tuesday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Wednesday, the 30th, from noon to 10:30 p.m. Proceeds go to projects for Russian immigrant children.

GET YOUR CAR WASHED

Beth Tikvah Synagogue youth group's fund-raising projects include washing cars. They will be out with their sponges and pails this Sunday, the 27th, and again on May 4, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the synagogue.

ART AND TREASURE SALE

Toronto artists and craftsmen will be exhibiting their work at an art and treasure sale being held by Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi Women's Organization of Toronto, Sunday, April 27, at Yorkdale Holiday Inn from 2-10 p.m. Proceeds go to nurseries and day care centres in Israel.

LUNCH AND FASHIONS

Deborah Chapter of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO is having a special salad bar luncheon with a fashion show of casual wear by Dorrit Boutique and Don Bassin Sports on Thursday, May 1, at the home of Mrs. Harold Rosenberg, 92 Old Forest Hill Rd. from noon to 3 p.m.

MUSIC FOR SENIORS

An afternoon of musical entertainment has been planned by the Association of Jewish Senior Clubs for Sunday, April 27, at 2 p.m. at the Bloor 'Y'. The program, which is being hosted by both the Bloor and North 'Y' Good Age Clubs, will feature The Entertainers — Betty Dinetz and Murray Kirsh, accompanied by pianist Ada Lewis.

BROWSE OR BUY

Browse or buy is the slogan of the tea being held by Pioneer Women's Club Beersheba Sunday, April 27, at the home of Mrs. Rochelle Moll, 67 Alamosa Dr., where local artists will be exhibiting their pottery, copper enamel jewelry, macrame and leather goods. Tea will be served from 2-5 p.m.

FOR BARGAIN HUNTERS

Also on Sunday, the 27th, an all-day bazaar is being run by the Friends of Pioneering Israel to raise funds for scholarships for Camp Shomria, the Hashomer Hatzair youth group camp. There will be the usual bazaar items with an emphasis on brand-name food products. It takes place at 594 Marlee Ave. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

BARBEQUE CHEFS TAKE NOTE

Want to know how to barbeque? The Independent Study Group is sponsoring a patio chef course, offered through Consumers' Gas, on two Mondays, April 28 and May 5. Proceeds go to the UJA, a scholarship fund for an Israeli student, and Bloorview Children's Hospital. The time is 8 p.m. at the Consumers' Gas building, 19 Toronto Street. For tickets call 781-4292.

...about people

Dr. Emmanuel Farber

Former Torontonian Dr. Emmanuel Farber is returning to his home town after several years teaching and research work in England and the U.S. He's been appointed to three posts — chairman of the pathology department of the University of Toronto's faculty of medicine, chairman of Western Hospital's pathology department and pathologist-in-chief at Toronto General. A former president of the American Association for Cancer Research, Dr. Farber (he holds both an MD and Ph.D. degree) was director of the Fels Research Institute of Temple University in Philadelphia and a professor of pathology and bio-chemistry there.

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A testimonial dinner is being planned to pay tribute to **Rabbi Israel Frankel** who recently retired after 19 years as executive director of Toronto's Jewish Public Library. The dinner will take place on Thursday, May 29, at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. A past president of the library, **Morley Pape,** is chairman of the arrangements committee.

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The Jerusalem Post, dated April 7, notes that Quebec Supreme Court Justice **Harry Batshaw** and his wife **Dr. Anne Batshaw** arrived in Jerusalem for a month's stay to work on a project at Hebrew University's law faculty.

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Another rabbi to be honored by his community is **Harry Joshua Stern,** rabbi emeritus of Montreal's Temple Emanu-El. He will be guest of honor of that city's JNF-sponsored Negev Dinner set for Tuesday, May 27, at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel. Dr. Stern, who was elected secretary of the first World Jewish Congress in Geneva back in 1936, has been awarded honorary degrees from both McGill University and Hebrew Union college.

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Miniatures and Variations on Themes is what **Tutzi Haspel-Seguin** is calling her latest show slated to open at Collectors Gallery on Scollard Street on Friday, May 2. It's a display of painting, printmaking, enamel work, sand sculptures and weaving on the same theme by the multi-media artist who says "it gives the artist and the viewer a new way of understanding and interpreting the same subject." A self-taught artist, who received an Aviva Art Show scholarship three years ago for participating in the exhibit for 20 continuous years, Mrs. Haspel-Segion is presently conducting seminars and workshops in various media. The show runs to May 22.

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Rabbi Immanuel Schochet, Kielcer Synagogue's spiritual leader, and Humber College philosophy professor, has just published a new book, the third one within a year. The new volume is a scholarly edition of **Tzavaath Harivash,** one of the earliest works of Chassidism containing the original teachings of the Baal Shem Tov. For this new edition, Rabbi Schochet, a leading authority on Chassidism and Jewish mysticism, revised the text on the basis of numerous other works to establish a standard version, and he added copious notes, references and a commentary.

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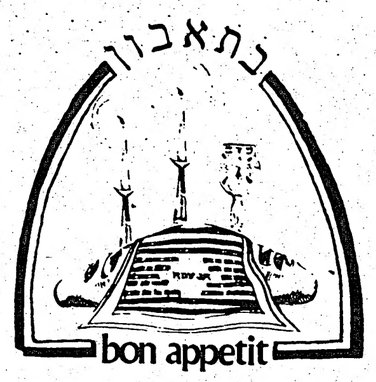
Baycrest Centre Men's Service Group has named Toronto businessman **Harry Ungerman** their 1974 Man of the Year. The presentation will be made at the organization's annual dinner this Sunday, the 27th Mr. Ungerman is MSG treasurer and chairman of their honor roll project as well.

Try kebabs on Lag B'Omer picnic



By MARCIA KRETZMER

JERUSALEM —

I shall open this column by replying to a question raised by Ms. Esther Salve of Toronto, in a letter to me. As the same problem may have been encountered by other readers, I shall take the opportunity of answering here.

Ms. Salve asks about the variety of chickpeas used in the recipe for Persian chicken soup with dumplings, given in the pre-Purim column. The dried, hard chickpeas mentioned, refer to the uncooked variety. The dried, soft chickpeas refer to the roasted kind.

Both types look pretty much alike, but if you try to bite into one, you will immediately be able to distinguish between the uncooked chickpeas and the roasted kind, which are meant for nibbling like nuts.

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Lag B'Omer, the 33rd day of the Counting of the Omer, falls on Tuesday, April 29. The celebration marks a respite from the traditionally sombre period which spans the seven weeks between Pesach and Shavuoth.

On this day, the restrictions in force during the Omer, such as the ban on haircutting and the solemnization of marriages, are lifted.

The sorrowful character of the Omer stems from the period of the final, unsuccessful revolt against Rome. Later historical events, which occurred at this time, such as the devastation suffered by Jewish communities during the Crusades, reinforced the character of the period.

Lag B'Omer itself, marks the sudden and miraculous cessation of a plague which ravaged the students of Rabbi Akiva, during the thick of the fighting between the Roman armies and Bar Kochba's Jewish troops.

It is also the anniversary of the death of Rabbi Simeon Ben Yochai, a great Torah sage, who continued to teach his students, while in hiding, during the worst days of the Roman oppression. Rabbi Simeon Ben Yochai is buried in Meron, in the Galilee, and there are pilgrimages to his tomb on this day.

The best-known symbols of Lag B'Omer, the bonfire and the bow and arrow, recall the days of revolt against the Romans. In Israel, for at least a week before the holiday, school children can be seen hauling bundles of sticks and baby carriages full of assorted junk — old cardboard boxes, smashed wooden objects, old scraps of upholstery — along the streets.

The children vie with each other in producing the most fearsome conflagration in the neighborhood. Dancing and singing take place around the bon fires on the eve of Lag B'Omer, shortly after nightfall. The day itself, is given over to trips into the surrounding countryside, all kinds of outdoor games, picnics and open-air cooking.

From the culinary point of view, this holiday offers little more than hardboiled eggs, which are traditional for the day. But if you are going for outdoor cooking, try making kebabs over your bonfire instead of the usual hot dogs or barbecued steaks.

If you going on a picnic, carry with you, along with the hardboiled eggs, the anchovy rolls described below. These rolls are strictly for people who like strong, pungent flavors. There is nothing Jewish about this recipe — in fact I discovered it in Italy — but it has become a family favorite for swimming parties. It is somehow just right, apres bain, with hot, black espresso coffee.

KEBABS

3 green peppers, cut into 2" triangles
4 large tomatoes, quartered
1 heaped tsp. oregano
1/3 cup fresh lemon juice
freshly-ground black pepper
1 1/2 lbs. beef or lamb, cut into 3/4" cubes
6 large mushrooms
6 whole, tiny onions
1/2 cup olive oil
2 cloves garlic, crushed
salt

1. mix together oil, lemon juice, garlic, oregano and seasongs. Marinate the cubed meat in this mixture for a few hours
2. remove meat from marinade and drain, reserving marinade. Thread meat on to six long skewers, alternating the meat with pieces of tomato, green pepper, onions and mushrooms
3. make your wood or charcoil fire, then place kebabs atop some flat stones or a grill laid over the fire
4. turn occasionally, basting with reserved marinade. The kebabs should be done in under 10 minutes. Serves 6, over plates of rice, or tucked inside pittas (hollow Arab bread)

N.B. on no account attempt to eat them from the skewer. Remove kebabs by sliding them back towards the point of the skewer with a fork or piece of bread

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ANCHOVY ROLLS

6 round, very crusty rolls
2 cans anchovies in oil
6 cloves garlic
a bunch of very fresh parsley

1. unroll anchovy fillets and rinse briefly in cold water to remove excess salt. Cut each fillet into 2—3 pieces. Chop or finely slice the garlic. Chop the parsley
2. split the rolls and moisten the insides with a little olive oil (or the oil from the canned anchovies). Stud 1/2 of each roll with pieces of garlic and anchovy and sprinkle thickly with parsley. Cover firmly with the other 1/2, and wrap each roll in waxed paper. The sharp flavorings will enrich and permeate the whole roll, but the rolls should be eaten before they lose their crustiness

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Chag Sameach!

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George Liban (second from left), executive vice-president of the Zionist Organization of Canada, and Max Goody, (right), chairman of the ZOC convention held in Israel earlier this year, receive El Al Silver medals. Presentation was made by El Al officials Yaacov Margolin and Joram Kagan.

Yiddish writer and critic will lecture at U. of T.

TORONTO —

Isaac Bashevis Singer, the Yiddish novelist, critic and journalist, will deliver a lecture in English here Wednesday, May 14, 8:30 p.m. at Convocation Hall, University of Toronto. The lecture is sponsored by the Secular Jewish Association.

Winner of two National Book Awards and author of seven novels, six collections of short stories, a volume of childhood memoirs, 10 children's books and numerous magazine short stories and nonfiction pieces, Singer has been called by author Rebecca West as "the greatest writer in the world today." The late literary critic, Edmund Wilson, once recommended him for the Nobel Prize in literature.

Singer writes exclusively in Yiddish, his mother tongue, and is more widely read in translation than in his first language. The bulk of his writing deals with the shtetl, or village life of the Jews in Poland during the last 300 years. His stories, which are written in an earthy style unadorned by literary embellishment, reflect the folklore, traditions, customs and superstitions of the ghetto culture that is vanishing.

Although Singer has lately turned to modern-day settings for his fiction, his characters continue to be Yiddish-speaking and his new locales are communities to which they have migrated — primarily New York and Israel, but also Miami Beach, Montreal and Buenos Aires.

The younger brother of the late novelist, I.J. Singer, Bashevis was born into a rabbinical family in Leonein, Poland. He grew up in Warsaw, and emigrated to the U.S. in 1935. He has made his home in New York City. Singer writes for **The Jewish Daily Forward, The New Yorker, Commentary** as well as other major American periodicals.

Isaac Bashevis Singer will appear in Toronto on May 14 at Convocation Hall, University of Toronto.

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'Poppa Joffre' — Dr. Joseph Joffre, still enjoys arm wrestling despite his 100 years. Last year, the native of Latvia participated in Montreal's March to Jerusalem. He was a champion wrestler in the 1900's. (H. Kay)

Dr. Joffre attributes his longevity to a blessing for life aiding others

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — Dr. Joseph Joffre challenges anyone to an arm wrestling match. "I'm healthy, that's all there is to it. I'm the strongest man in the world. It's God's blessing," declares the doctor.

Dr. Joffre turned 100 this year.

'Papa Joffre', a regular and a favorite with everyone at the Golden Age Association of AJCS, has no secrets for longevity.

"My guiding principle has been to mankind. All my life I've helped other people. That's what keeps me alive. If someone is in distress I help them. If I have a couple of pennies I give it to the poor."

He never smokes or drinks. And as for diet, Dr. Joffre is no food faddist. "I eat what my daughter gives me and before that I ate what my wife gave me. I never ordered anything."

Dr. Joffre walks nearly everyday from his daughter's home to the Golden Age Association, a distance of several blocks. "With the money I save on bus or taxi fare, I give to the poor."

Last year, he was the oldest participant in the March to Jerusalem, a 25-Kilometre hike through the street of Montreal. He plans to join the marchers again this year on May 4th.

All this vigorous activity has kept Dr. Joffre a remarkably solid and healthy person. He claims to have "never been sick a day in his life," except for an appendix operation in 1945.

Still husky with hands like those of a lumberjack's, Dr. Joffre has all his own teeth today. Perhaps his only regret is that he lost his hair and jokes about photograpers "never getting his part on the right side."

Dr. Joffre's fondest memories go back to around the turn of the century when his athletic days were at their peak. He remembers tangling with some of the strongest men of the day, including the likes of Louis Cyr.

A champion wrestler, he nevertheless "took an awful beating sometimes" and still proudly bears the scars that attest to it.

The life story of Dr. Joffre has all the makings of a best-seller. He was born in Lebow, Latvia on March 2, 1875. Says: Dr. Joffre, "It was a terrible time, we sometimes starved. If I wasn't so strong I wouldn't be alive today."

But young Joffre did survive, and earned degrees in chemistry and medicine at universities in Europe. He became conversant in 14 languages.

"I had to work for everything...doing everything at school — washing floors, cleaning."

In 1893, after considerable travel, Dr. Joffre came to Canada, and joined the staff of Jeanne d'Arc Hospital in Montreal.

When World War I broke out, Dr. Joffre served in the medical corps of the Canadian Army. Despite wounds, he carried on.

He married, and he and his late wife had six children and cared for nine orphans. "There were always hundreds of children around our home."

Dr. Joffre has lost count of how may grand and great-grandchildren he has.

He retired only seven years ago and at the age of 97 joined the Golden Age Association where most of his activity centres today. He has remained a member of the Knights of Pythias and is a Mason.

He reads the newspaper everyday, is known to play a good game of chess, and is reputed to be a great dancer.

But as a real gentleman in the old tradition, he "has nothing to do with women. One woman was all that I had."

'Spread Torah's light,' rabbi says

By PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO — Rabbi Dr. Walter Wurzburger of Far Rockaway, N.Y., rabbi of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation for over a decade, returned to Toronto last Sunday night to speak to an audience at the second annual dinner of the Yeshivat B'nei Akiva Or Chaim — Ulpanot Orot Girls' School.

The 450 members of Toronto's Orthodox community who came to the Torah Emeth Jewish Centre were obviously proud of the establishment of the first Bnei Akiva schools in North America. They were equally proud to invite an old friend and distinguished rabbi to join in their celebration of two years of successful operation.

Dr. Wurzburger, professor of philosophy at Yeshiva University and editor of **Tradition,** spoke of the importance to Jewish survival of Torah study. He recounted the story of Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakkai, who obtained permission to start the first yeshiva at Yavneh from Titus, the Roman general who razed Jerusalem.

"Titus' arch in Rome was inscribed 'Judaea is conquered,' Today the Roman Empire is in ruins and we say "Am Yisroel chai!" he said.

"You are not merely building a yeshiva, you are creating here a vibrant and dynamic spiritual force. This is not a time for retreat for Torah. Today there is an opportunity for us to spread the light."

Dr. Wurzburger was interrupted by applause as he referred to "the light of life — or chaim," the name of the Toronto yeshiva. The applause culminated in a standing ovation as he concluded, "We must show our concern and our love for our fellow Jews. Go out and share the light — the light of life!"

But the most striking statement of the religious significance of the return to Israel and the founding of the state came from Rosh Yeshiva Rabbi Yehuda Felix. "We are now witnessing the beginning of the Redemption."

Rabbi Felix will return to Israel this summer. He will take with him a plaque from the school which tells of his "selfless dedication and devotion."

He will also have the company of six of the yeshiva's nine grade 13 graduates who are continuing their studies in Israel.

Pioneer Women have Golden Jubilee

TORONTO — Pioneer Women's Organization of Canada has proclaimed the month of April to celebrate International Women's Year with a series of events highlighting the "Year of the Woman." This will coincide with the launching of an intensive national membership Campaign.

Pioneer Women's Organization, founded in 1925 together with branches in 13 countries, is this year celebrating its Golden Jubilee. Since 1930, the organization has been celebrating International Women's Day here on an annual basis each year concentrating on a particular phase of women's achievements and her progress, and her fight to take on more responsibilities and obligations.

Among the events planned for International Women's Year are: Toronto — **Jewish Women in Transition** — speaker, Michele Lansberg, Associate Editor, Chatelaine Magazine; Montreal — **Women's Rights — Fact or Fiction** — speaker, Marc Lalonde, minister of health & welfare & status of women; Doris Anderson, editor **Chatelaine Magazine;** Windsor — **A Cosmopolitan Evening** — hosted by members from Tripoli, Israel, Australia, Wales, London and the United States; Winnipeg — **Women's Rights Around the World** — A panel representing an Iron Curtain country, an Afro-Carribean, Indian, Philipines, Israel and Canada; Ottawa — An evening honouring an outstanding Canadian woman in public life.

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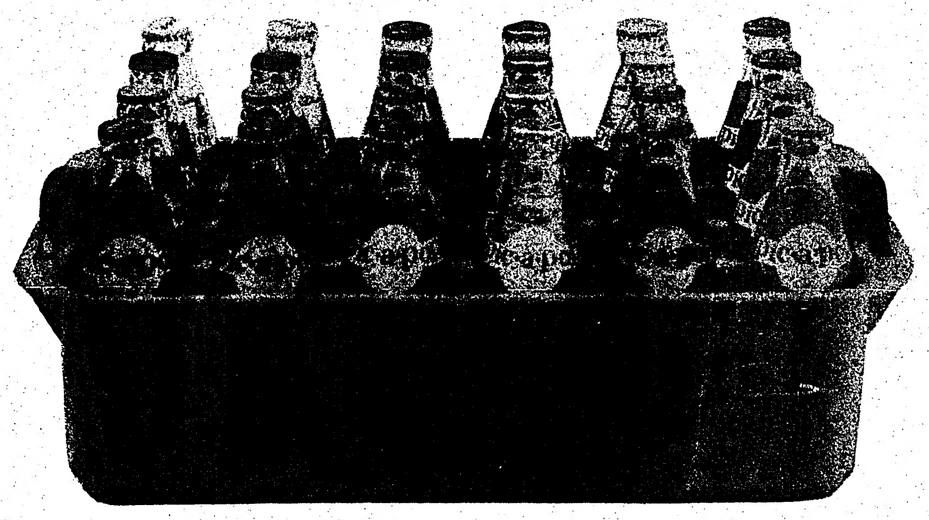

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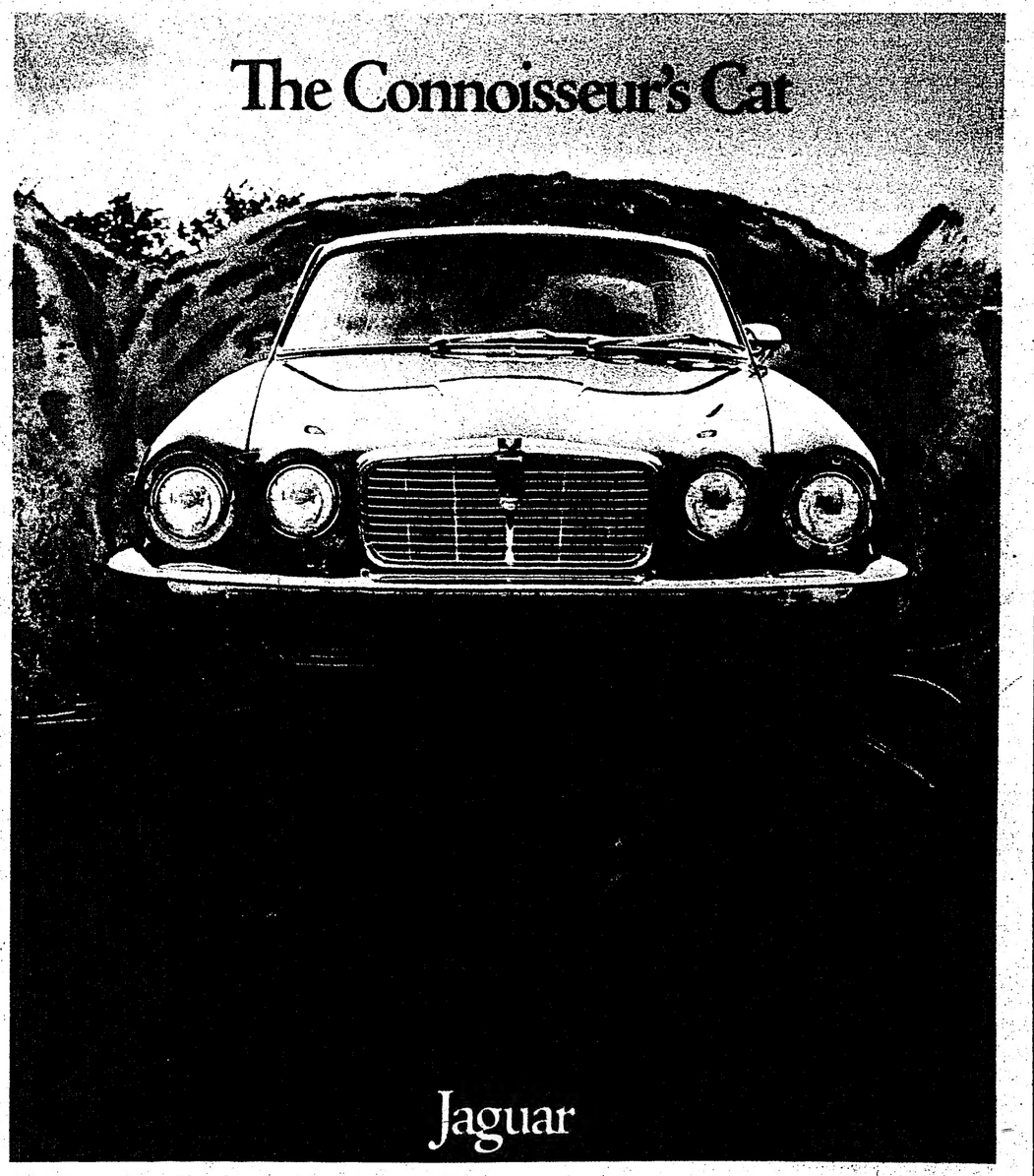

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Organizations and People

Independence Day celebrations held by youth

voice of youth

By JEFFREY LIPSITZ

Jewish youth throughout Metro last week celebrated 27 years of Israeli independence.

Last Tuesday night thousands of Jews, young and old, gathered at Beth Tzedec Synagogue. One of the four speakers that evening was Student Mobilization for Israel Chairman Andrew Resnick, representing Toronto's Jewish youth. He told the audience of 4,000 of his group's efforts to mobilize Jewish youth for Israel, through seminars, lectures, benefits and fund-raising activities throughout the past few months. He also urged youth to go on aliyah, or at least go for a year of work or study in Israel, as he himself is planning to do next fall.

Zionist youth groups were represented at Beth Tzedec; they included Bnei Akiva, Betar, Dror, Hashomer Hatzair and Young Judaea. Some of those were involved in distributing information, some in providing Israeli-style refreshments, some in singing and dancing and entertainment.

The next morning, many youth groups and schools throughout the area ran programs. At the Community Hebrew Academy, for example, the special Yom Ha'atzmaut prayer services in the morning were followed by a flag ceremony and then joyful hours of singing and dancing. At Bnai Israel Beth David and Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogues, the local USY chapters also had services followed by movies, a magician for the younger members, a special presentation on Israel, and an afternoon of fun at Downsview Dells.

In fact, USY seemed to be especially busy all of last week; on the weekend before Yom Ha'atzmaut, Bnai Israel Beth David hosted a group of Buffalonians in a weekend Shabbaton program, with special guests Moishe Kempinski and Shlomo Mernick. That Sunday afternoon the Beth Tikvah chapter held an Israel Products Fair, and then at Beth Tzedec the Eastern Canadian Region ran a regional study program on the Warsaw Ghetto.

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At the University of Toronto all organizations recognized on campus are permitted to distribute information on tables provided in the "Free Speech Area," in the lobby of the Sydney Smith Building.

"It is very important for Jewish students to know that they, too, are represented on campus," according to first-year political economy student Phil Libman, who has been running the Hillel Table (of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation) since early January of this year. The table closed down last week, on the last day of school before exams, after great success in the previous months in distributing Jewish information of a political, Zionist as well as religious nature, to many of the estimated 3,500 — 4,000 Jewish students of the university, as well as to interested non-Jewish students.

The material, provided through bookstores, various communal agencies including Congress, local religious organizations and Israel information centres, included information on the Palestinian problem, Soviet Jewry, Israel, and, recently, Pesach, among other topics of interest and concern.

The purpose of the Hillel Table was to provide a Jewish presence on campus (it was the only Jewish representation of its kind on the U of T campus) and at the same time counter-balance what Libman called "the radical left-wing, anti-Israel groups and the information about Jesus directed towards Jews."

The table was also the on-campus distribution point of information of the Student Mobilization for Israel, which collected over $20,000 from Jewish students.

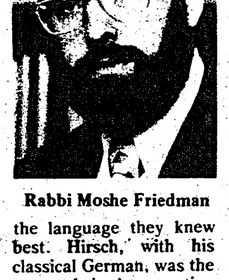
The table will be expanded next year and will hopefully be opening in September.

The Baycrest Heritage Museum, in conjunction with the Congress Central Region Archives Committee, is presenting an exhibition of photographs and artifacts depicting the movement of Eastern European Jews to North America between 1880 and 1930. Entitled 'The Great Migration,' the exhibition will open at the end of May. Looking on (from left) are Stephen Speisman, Congress archivist, and Mesdames Morris Till, Abe Levine, David Newman and Wolf Goldberg. (*David Groskind photograph*)

Torah commentary highly praised

By Rabbi Moses J. Burak

The publication of a new commentary on the Torah has always been an event of outstanding importance in the Jewish world. We have been called "The People of the Book" by the Arabs of olden days. While to some of us, the pocketbook is the most important volume, and though to others it may be their bank book, there are still enough people who love Torah to make it the Book.



Rabbi Moshe Friedman

Rabbi Moshe Friedman, a Toronto scholar, is the author of **Ateres Z'kainim**, a new commentary on the Pentateuch and related **Aggadic** literature. The first volume on the Book of Genesis has just been printed, and it is warmly endorsed by such outstanding scholars as the Gaon, Rabbi Moshe Feinstein and the Skolyer Rabbi. There are some 242 pages of Hebrew text. Some 70 pages are devoted to the opening **Parasha.** One hopes that Rabbi Friedman, who serves as the executive vice-president of the Ner Israel Yeshiva College of Toronto, will somehow find the time to complete this opus.

Each age has its own needs. When Samson Raphael Hirsch published his commentary on the **Pentateuch** in German, he was responding to the pressure of the times. German Jewry had fallen in love with the German language, to the neglect of their Hebrew heritage. They had to be shown the treasures of the Torah in the language they knew best. Hirsch, with his classical German, was the man to do it. A generation later, his language was beyond the ken of most people. To-day, we have this work in an English translation by his grandson.

Chief Rabbi J.H. Hertz made his commentary on the Bible in English, so as to make known "Israel's infinite and imperishable contribution to civilization, and the Jew's claim to the unending gratitude of mankind..." In an autograph letter to this writer he said that his commentary would help in keeping our youth close to the faith of their fathers. He marshalled not only Jewish scholars but also an imposing array of gentile scholars to whom the Pentateuch was not the Old Testament, but an ever fresh, always new, never failing source of inspiration.

Rabbi Friedman's commentary has a different aim. Its goal is to show scholars some of the mystery that resides in Torah. The rabbi does not seek to present homiletic gems, or even ethical precepts. He seeks out the mystery and the wonder of Torah, kabbalistic insights that indicate just how precious is the mine in which he works.

This, too, is a sign of the times. We are no longer dealing with people ignorant of the Hebrew tongue. Our day schools and yeshivoth have produced a generation capable of understanding the noble Hebrew idiom. This group want to see what lies below the surface. Such readers want new insights not found in Hirsch and Hertz. This work is for them, for all the young scholars who know the well-worn paths, and who want to move on from the world of **peshat** — the simple meanings — to **remez,** hints at the deeper mysteries of Torah.

Living now as part of a community of outstanding scholars, Rabbi Friedman is in a position to give inspiration, find inspiration, and to complete the important work he has begun. Those who show the beauty of Torah are truly the beautiful people of all time.

Hebrew U. awards Canadian universities

MONTREAL —

When the Hebrew University of Jerusalem was formally inaugurated on April 1, 1925, two Canadian universities were represented at the ceremonies, McGill University and the University of Manitoba. This year, in celebrating its Golden Jubilee, the Hebrew University present its official medal to the principals of these two universities.

The présentation of the medal to Dr. Robert Bell, principal and vice-chancellor of McGill, took place this week on the McGill campus. Dr. Bell received the medal from Allan Bronfman, vice-chairman of the International Board of Governors of the Hebrew University, who was accompanied by Michael Greenblatt, national vice-president of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University and Daniel Ben-Natan, assistant to the president of the Hebrew University.

Over the years, a number of students from McGill have participated in Hebrew University programs in Jerusalem and several graduate students from the Hebrew University have pursued post-graduate work at McGill. In addition, several professors from McGill have taught as Visiting Professors at the Hebrew University.

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One of Bond founders, Rothberg to attend dinner

TORONTO —

Sam Rothberg, international head of Israel Bonds, and one of the foremost leaders of world Jewry, will fly to Toronto on Monday, April 28, to be present at the Trustee Dinner that evening honoring entertainment star Buddy Hackett. The dinner will immediately precede the dramatic "Salute to Israel" at O'Keefe Centre being presented by Hackett with singing-star Eddie Fisher, in support of Toronto's Israel Bond Campaign.

The audience of about 3,000 is expected. All are families who have enrolled as "Shomrei Israel" for 1975 — bond purchasers of $1,000 or more to help restore Israel's economic strength. George A. Cohon, national campaign chairman for State of Israel Bonds in Canada, is serving as chairman of the "Salute to Israel."

Sam Rothberg

Sam Rothberg was one of the founders of the Israel Bond program 25 years ago at the first Jerusalem Conference convened by Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, and attended by 60 American Jewish leaders. "No one present at its creation would ever have dared dream that since 1951, the State of Israel Bond program worldwide would have produced the $2-billion milestone in sales achieved this year," Rothberg declared in a recent address.

The Trustee Dinner will serve also as an occasion to mark the 25th anniversary year of Israel Bonds for this community. Trustees of Israel are purchasers of $10,000 or more in Israel Bonds. Lawrence Shankman, a past Toronto campaign chairman is Trustee chairman for the 1975 drive.

Rothberg has been in the forefront of American efforts for Israel and overseas Jewry in many areas of organized Jewish life as well as his key position as head of the Bond organization. He is president of Capital for Israel, Inc. and of Israel Investors Corporation, chairman of the international board of governors of the Hebrew University and a member of the board of governors of the Jewish Agency, among numerous other top posts.

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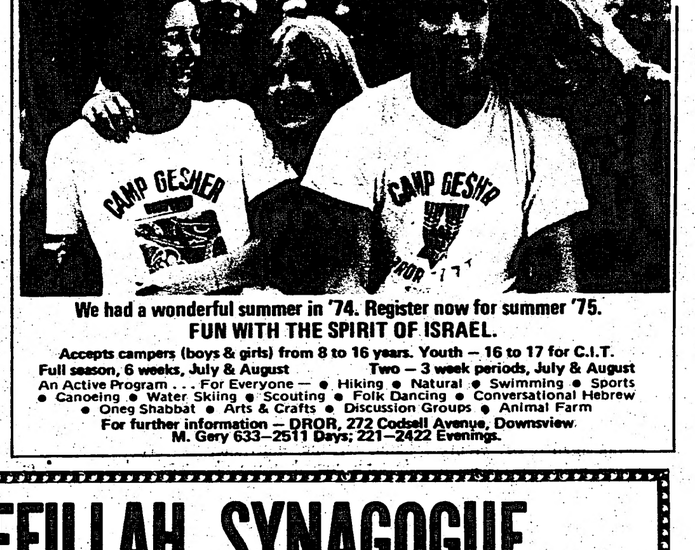

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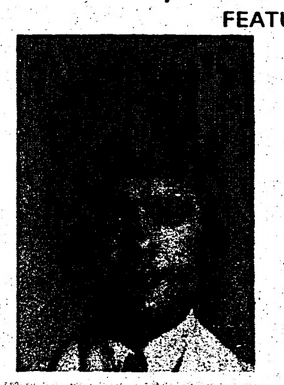

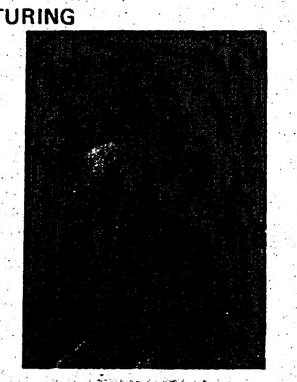

Cantor Ben Zion Miller
Rick Kardonne, commenting in The Canadian Jewish News on a cantorial concert held December 19, 1974 at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, described Cantor Miller's voice as "a rare original and thus highly interesting; its rich tenor quality containing a strong, caress-like fibre, makes his tone uniquely distinctive."

The **SHEMA KOLENU** singing group came into existence during the Yom Kippur War. A number of young Jews who went to Israel to contribute to the war effort toured the country to entertain the soldiers at the front lines, and the wounded in hospitals. They have continued to delight audiences in Israel and North America ever since.

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A HAPPY SALUTE TO ISRAEL

Eva Fishman and a young man who identified himself only as Stevie were among the thousands of Torontonians who turned up at the Beth Tzedec Congregation to celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut. According to longtime observers, this was one of the most successful Independence Day programs ever presented in Toronto.

'Not worried about scandals'

By CYNTHIA RUBIN

MONTREAL — Montreal's professional fund-raisers are not worried about the effect on local campaigns of the recent spate of financial scandals in Israel.

A **New York Times** story appeared in **The Montreal Star** on the latest scandal in which Michael Tzur, former managing director of Israel Corporation, was charged with the illegal transfer of funds from Israel to the Rosenbaum Bank in Switzerland. The bank collapsed several months ago and the article implied this would hurt fund-raising efforts abroad. (The article also appeared in **The Globe & Mail** in Toronto.)

Leo Marcus, executive director of the United Israel Appeal of Canada Incorporated, said this reminded him of the story of the poet, Chaim Nachman Bialik, when he heard that the first house in Israel had been robbed.

Bialik's response was "Thank God we have become a normal people."

Marcus has visited several communities in Canada in recent weeks and there was never a suggestion that fund-raising would be affected, he added.

Norman Spector, chairman of the Combined Jewish Appeal said: "Imprudent investment by an official should not detract from Diaspora Jews' interest in Israel."

He explained that money collected by Combined Jewish Appeal goes to health, welfare and rehabilitation projects, and is not used for financial speculation.

Associate executive director of Allied Jewish Community Services (AJCS), Emmanuel Wiener, said he is confident "the funds we get are scrupulously accounted for. Canadian tax laws demand it.

"We have staff in Israel responsible for these monies. The accounts are audited every year by a Montreal firm."

Chaim Lewin, executive director of Israel Bonds in Montreal, said there has been no adverse reaction and that "it won't affect the Bond drive.

"No one has come in and said this year I'm giving less," he said.

Jewish Community Centre holds abortion forum

By RUTH KAHANE
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — In the wake of the Supreme Court of Canada ruling against Dr. Henry Morgentaler, examination and questioning of the Canadian law and Jewish medical ethics relating to abortion are being aroused.

While the Montreal physician was serving the third week of his 18-month prison term in Bordeaux Jail for performing an illegal abortion, more than 100 people participated in a forum at the Jewish Community Centre on birth control and abortion.

"Canadian law deals with abortion in a discriminatory way," said panelist Barbara Lis, a social worker dealing with psychiatric problems at Queensway Carleton Hospital.

A woman can obtain a legal abortion only if her case is accepted by a hospital abortion review committee of three doctors. "Only 259 out of 1,359 Canadian hospitals have abortion committees," she said, "and these are often not accessible to young, rural, and poor women.

"Once a woman reaches a committee she must still convince them of her need. Financially able women have the alternative to go to New York for an abortion. But the agencies there are expensive and exploitative," she said. "They have inadequate counselling and medical procedures and there is no follow-up for complications."

Mrs. Lis said abortion committees should be disbanded and a woman should have the right to opt for abortion on consultation with her doctor. Abortion is the only case in medicine where the decision is taken out of the hands of the individual doctor in consultation with the patient.

"For me it is hard to understand how Canadian society can continue this practice. Abortion is a necessary last resort for women who require medical service and our compassion."

Mrs. Lis also wants to see improved methods of contraception replace the still highly fallable methods available and more widespread birth control information disseminated through schools, community centres, Y's, and churches. "You can get hearing aids and orthopedic shoes at any Eaton's store but just try finding out about birth control," she said.

A more moderate approach was voiced by Dr. Sydney Kronick, obstetrician and gynecologist who serves on the Ottawa Civic Hospital abortion committee. "It is up to the public to demand abortion committees in areas where they do not have them. It is up to Canadians to work for change in the criminal code, but it is absolutely necessary to abide by the law until it is changed," he said.

"Disregarding his morality, Dr. Morgentaler was doing something against the law."

But Dr. Kronick said every hospital interprets the law on abortion differently. He said the Ottawa Civic Hospital is "fairly liberal." Certain cases were looked on with more favor than others, for example, if a woman was using birth control and showed she was keenly interested in avoiding pregnancy.

He said it was up to a doctor to try to detect if a woman would feel extremely guilty after an abortion because of her religious or moral background, and to counsel her against it in that case.

"A doctor should never be demanded to give an abortion or sterilization if he does not think it is in the best interest of the patient," he said.

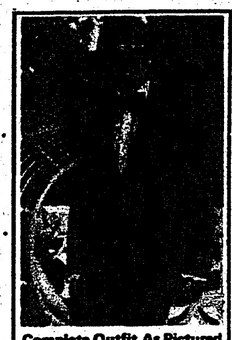
Rabbi Reuven Bulka of Congregation Machzikei Hadas said justification in Jewish law for abortion rotates around the woman's well-being.

In Jewish law the commandment to be fruitful and multiply is directed to men only, because the law considers that women should have the right to choose whether they want children, considering that it may involve physical or mental anguish.

"The unborn fetus is considered a limb of its mother. Abortion is acceptable if the fetus threatens the life of its mother. Also the fetus can be looked on as a "pursuer" and it is legal to kill a pursuer who pursues to kill," he said.

A rabbi basing his decision on the mother's well-being would give his assent to an abortion if a woman approached him with a fear that she could not cope with the child's birth. But if she said the child would not be able to live a good life, the rabbi would say not to make up the child's mind for it in advance, Rabbi Bulka explained.

"There is no absolute ruling for abortion in Jewish law, though there is justification if there is a definite threat to the mother's physical or emotional well-being," he said.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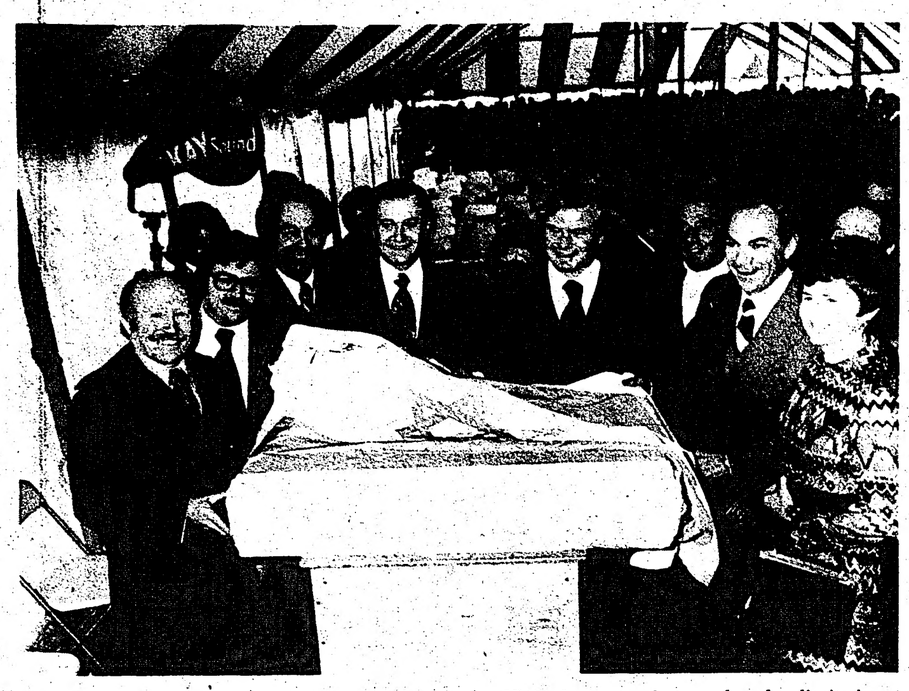

A 700-pound block of Jerusalem stone donated to the 'Y' is shown to photographers by dignitaries at the groundbreaking ceremonies for cultural arts centre and physical education wing. From left are: Israel Consul General Shmuel Ovnat, El Al Toronto manager Yaacov Margolin, Amnon Gil-Ad, director of the Israel Government Tourist Office in Canada; 'Y' President Wilfred Posluns, Ontario Premier William Davis, an unidentified man; 'Y' benefactor Murray Koffler and Kathleen Davis, the premier's wife.

Ontario Premier William Davis is presented with a symbolic shovel mounted on a plaque, by John Wahl, chairman of the board of the YM–YWHA. (Gadi Hoz)

All North York to be served

Completion of cultural centre will enable 'Y' to fulfil vision

By LOUISE CORNBLUM

TORONTO — Irving Layton reading his poetry in the theatre, happy potters puttering at their wheels, ballerinas at the barre, sound-proofed roomettes filled with silent musicians plunking and sawing at their instruments — this was the vision of the cultural task force of the Northern YM-YWHA.

Under the leadership of Marvelle Koffler, 57 experts have pooled their experience and skills for the past four years to plan a new 'Y' Cultural Centre which will serve not only the Jewish community of Toronto, but also the quarter of a million people of North York who have been starved for theatre, art, and music facilities.

It was the intention of the task force to create the ideal in planning the physical environment for five projected schools, many of which already existed in cramped, embryo form. The schools of fine arts, performing arts, music, dance, and Jewish education which were the aim of the committee were to supplement, enhance, improve — but not overlap — existing facilities in North York.

It was 1971 when Marvelle Koffler was asked to head the fask force. Her qualifications were indisputable. Serving on the executive of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, a member of the board of the St. Lawrence Centre, and a proven accomplisher on innumerable creative and fund-raising committees, she was a natural choice.

"I was lucky to be asked," Mrs. Koffler told **The CJN** in an interview last week, "and I could see the need for this kind of endeavor. Once you believe in something, you work full steam ahead."

Mrs. Koffler repeatedly stressed the satisfaction and pleasure of working with the members of her task force. The names and positions of the 57 experts involved made up much of her conversation as she hastened to pay them tribute.

"The privilege of meeting and working with such dedicated people, all outstanding in their own specific disciplines," she said, "makes one realize how important the new Cultural Centre at the 'Y' really is for the community at large."

Mrs. Koffler had her choice of personnel for her committee, all ready to give their time and knowledge unstintingly. Most of the names read like a Who's Who of culture in Toronto — Gerald Gladstone, Walter Moos, Ayala Zacks, Walter Homburger and Victor Feldbrill are but a few. Some served as consultants and some did the planning and leg-work. Most did both.

A great deal of leg-work was involved throughout the planning stages. One group from the force flew to Ottawa to visit the National Arts Centre. There they examined the successes and failures of experiments with accoustics, structure, and seating. Conclusions drawn from examinations of this and other theatres led the planners to opt for a two-theatre arrangement.

One is a rather conventional 500-seat auditorium. The second is an experimental theatre of no fixed structure. Everything in it can be moved — the stage, the lighting, even the audience. The facility can be used as a rehearsal hall or to seat 50 to 60 people for more intimate performances. Mrs. Koffler stressed that the larger theatre will be so versatile that it can be used for every public need from drama to debates to symphony concerts.

A trip to the 92nd Street YMHA in New York, an energetic and forward-thinking community centre, has given Mrs. Koffler's committee a model for future programming. Almost every great American poet and musician has made a guest appearance there on a volunteer basis, performing to SRO audiences. It is the hope of the task force that gifted Canadians will contribute their talent ot bring distinction to the 'Y' programming.

Visits to Montreal's Saidye Bronfman Cultural Centre and Cleveland's Jewish Community Centre were all part of the agenda for seeking out and solving problems of costs and programming for the projected centre.

Among the discoveries of the task force was an exciting plan for soundproofed cubicles for music study and practice. Even in 1971, the 'Y' was proud to have more than 300 students studying a variety of orchestral instruments (at low subsidized fees), a chamber music group, and a small symphony orchestra.

At that time, the school of dance also had more than 300 students studying ballet, tap and ethnic dancing. They are still operating in minimal quarters.

The school of fine arts, which is being strangled for lack of quarters (the immensely successful pottery classes must be confined to the Bloor Street building) can be both more adequately housed and expanded into more sophisticated disciplines after the Cultural Centre is built.

"When we went to York University," Mrs. Koffler continued, "to discuss our plans with the then dean of fine arts, David Silcox, the university faculty members were very pleased about all this because they could see it as a feeder to their programs."

The province of Ontario, which granted $1.1 million to the Cultural Centre, has expressed in this manner its faith that the 'Y' will fulfill a very real need for the entire community of North York.

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Soviet activist plans visit here

TORONTO —

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Polsky, a physicist by profession, was instrumental in conjunction with other scientists in organizing protests asserting the right of Soviet Jews to emigrate.

In March 1974, Polsky was involved in an automobile accident which Soviet officials attempted to use against him. The case attracted wide attention when documents which indicated his innocence made their way to the West. Instead of a long prison sentence, Polsky was found guilty and fined.

Viktor Polsky

Polsky will begin his visit in Toronto by participating in two major meetings. He will continue on to Winnipeg, Ottawa and Montreal.

In Toronto, Polsky's appearance on Solidarity Sunday will be one of the highlights of "Solidarity for Soviet Jewry" week, April 25 to May 1.

To inaugurate the week, all rabbis in the community will be speaking from the pulpit on Soviet Jewry. Many organizations and sisterhoods are extending full support for the week by having a "write-in", sending telegrams and holding fund-raising functions.

Delegations from Women for Soviet Jewry will be meeting with Mitchell Sharp, Privy Council Chairman, on May 4 and James Gillies, a leading member of the federal Conservative party on April 29.

WSJ have also been invited to meet Toronto Mayor David Crombie on Monday, April 28, at which time a presentation will be made to His Worship. Polsky will also be on hand.

Professor Emil Fackenheim, renowned as an expert on the Holocaust, addresses memorial service commemorating Warsaw Ghetto uprising. (Howard Kay)

'Our memory of the Holocaust needs to grow'

By LORRY CARPMAN

MONTREAL —

Addressing a capacity audience at the Chevra Kadisha Synagogue here, Prof. Emil Fackenheim in his memorial commemorating the 32nd anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising urged "we must not let our memories grow passive.

"The memory of Holocaust must become stronger to the point where the whole world will mourn," said the noted author, philosopher and theologian from the University of Toronto.

The memorial is an annual event which pays tribute to the 40,000 Jews who died resisting the Germans in Warsaw from April 19 to May 16, 1943.

Fackenheim set the tone for his address by relating several stories of Jewish bravery and humiliation at the hands of the Nazis. He then spoke separately of the hateful Germans, the victimized Jews, their response then and now to the Holocaust, and of the importance of the state.

Refering to two milleniums of anti-Semitism, he called the Nazi disaster an epoch-making event. "History before and after can never be the same because the element of evil has been exhausted," he said.

He described the Germans as displaying a "unique combination of hatred and cold calculated extermination." He drew the distinction that "they were racist because they were anti-Semites, not anti-Semites because they were racist."

Fackenheim said that the Warsaw uprising saved Jews from degradation. For those who resisted, it represented a testimony to the sacredness of their lives, while those who failed to resist did not understand "the unique mystery of the Nazi crime."

According to Fackenheim, Jews are confronted today with the problem of how to respond to the Holocaust. "Are we to permit our memory to grow dimmer and forget the uniqueness of the disaster?"

Pointing out that 2,000 years of evil cannot be erased in a generation, he called on Jews to become recognized. "The state of Israel represents the restoration of dignity and life to all Jews," he emphasized.

"It is the greatest creation in the political history of this century," he added.

Fackenheim went on to say that the Holocaust would not have occurred had Israel been a reality. Military power and the possibility of refuge for thousands of Jews in Israel would have had considerable effect on the disastrous outcome.

Education forum expects big crowd

KITCHENER —

This Sunday's Regional Conference on Jewish Education, convened by the department of education and culture of the Canadian Jewish Congress, will provide a forum for educator and laymen to discuss important matters related to Jewish education and to exchange views and ideas on problems existing in today's school systems. The all-day conference, for professionals and interested non-professionals, will be held in Kitchener's Beth Jacob Synagogue April 27.

In an interview with **The CJN**, Ralph Shiff, chairman of Congress' educational and cultural committee, stressed encouragement for the small communities of Ontario to continue to Jewishly educate their youth. Shiff said that "the small communities are dying, but they are sill interested in education, and Congress will continue to encourage them and advise and assist as much as possible."

In the morning period of the conference there will be two concurrent 1½-hour workshop sessions. One workshop, for rabbis, teachers and all educators, will deal with **Teaching the Jewish Social Studies.** The address will be delivered by the executive director of the Bureau of Jewish Education in Buffalo, Dr. Yehuda Shabbatay. The other workshop, for laymen, will be addressed by Rabbi Irwin Witty of Toronto's Board of Jewish Education and is entitled **So Your Child Attends Hebrew School: So What?** At each workshop three different lay and professional people will discuss the speeches, and the floor will then be open to the delegates for further discussion.

Participants at both workshops — professional educators and laymen — will then come together for a joint session and panel discussion. The topic: **Post Bar-Mitzvah and Teenage Education — How to Deal With It.** The panelists: Rabbis Eisenstein, Plaut and Rone of Hamilton, Windsor and London respectively.

The luncheon session, with a special keynote speaker, Dr. Azriel Eisenberg, will follow this discussion. Dr. Eisenberg is the former executive vice-president of the Jewish Education Committee of New York. He will show how **Davka In A Small Community Jewish Education Can Thrive and Prosper.**

And following Dr. Eisenberg's address a unique presentation will be made to five Ontario rabbis. For the first time in this region, local educators will be awarded a citation of service for 15 years or more of dedicated and faithful work to their communities. The presentation will be made by Milton Harris, regional chairman of Congress.

Six students from Sudbury, Windsor, Hamilton and Oakville will then be presented with their prizes in the Morris Black Memorial Essay Contest. The late Morris Black, of Peterborough, bequeathed in his will that a sum of money be allocated as prizes for students who write the best essays on Jewish historical figures, with the purpose of encouraging Jewish children to study their heritage. The essay contest, now in its third year, has been successful in attracting the students of small communities, who are eligible for participation in the contest.

The afternoon session will be a response by educators to the keynote address of the luncheon session, as well as further general discussion.

The closing session will be chaired by Ralph Shiff. The conference will be summarized by Rabbi P. Rosenzweig of Kitchener.

This conference is expected to be one of the best attended regional conferences on education, because, according to Dr. Edmond Lipsitz, director of education of the Canadian Jewish Congress, who is organizing this conference, "the program reflects the majority choices received in reply to questionnaires sent out two months ago to over 300 people actively involved in Jewish education in the smaller communities of Ontario."

Shaarei Shomayim program will host Israeli consul general

TORONTO —

Emanuel Shimoni, consul general of Israel to Philadelphia, will be the guest speaker at the Israel Awareness program of the Shaarei Shomayim Congregation on May 8.

Emmanuel Shimoni

Shimoni's topic, **From Darkness to Light** will continue discussions initiated at the congregation's "Mobilization For Tomorrow" event where over 1,200 members and friends participated.

"This evening will be in honor of Israel's independence," said Jeffrey Cohen, president of Shaarei Shomayim. "It is one in a series of Israel action and education seminars to be presented by our congregation and we are anxious to include the youth."

Shimoni emigrated to Israel from South Africa and joined the government service heading the ministry of education and culture. He worked as Abba Eban's right hand man for seven years, travelling throughout the world and served on the Israel delegation to the United Nations General Assembly.

For three years he was counsellor to the embassy of Israel in Ottawa, and, in 1972, took up the Philadelphia posting.

Fine arts day camp to open on July 8

TORONTO —

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August Shtern, son of Dr. Mikhail Shtern, recently sentenced to eight years of hard labor, addresses a Montreal press conference on Soviet Jewry. With him is Russian-born Liza Lewis, a translator. (Congress)

Record attendance at Liberal's $100-a-plate fund-raising dinner

TORONTO —

Nearly 2,000 persons dined with Prime Minister Trudeau and his wife, Margaret, last Friday night at a Liberal party fund-raising dinner at the Four Seasons Sheraton Hotel. It was the largest attendance ever for this annual affair.

Murray B. Koffler, dinner chairman and his wife, Marvelle, hosted the Trudeaus during their brief visit here. Earlier in the day, the Prime Minister met Toronto Mayor David Crombie and Metro Chairman Paul Godfrey at City Hall.

In his introductory remarks concerning Trudeau, Koffler told the audience: "I first met our prime minister when he invited a small group of businessmen to meet with him for an informal talk session. I can remember what he said that day, 'Either we administer the status quo, or foresee the coming social changes and plan to meet them.' I identified with that kind of thinking."

Noting Toronto has a variety and vitality of culture and lifestyles brought here by post-war waves of immigrants, Trudeau told the $100-a-plate dinner this city is "one of the most civilized and liveable cities on the face of the earth."

Among the guests were federal cabinet ministers Mitchell Sharp, Donald MacDonald, Allastair Gillespie and Barnett Danson. Senators present included John Godfrey, Robert Stanbury, John Aird, Keith Davey and William Benidickson. At other tables were Mr. & Mrs. Maxwell Goldhar, Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Creed, Mr. & Mrs. Leon Weinstein, Mr. & Mrs. Philip W. Goldman, Marvin Goldberg and Mr. & Mrs. Norman Kert.

For the first time, guests saw the new Margaret Trudeau rose bushes — a hybrid tea-rose in luminous salmon-orange. They will be planted in the gardens at 24 Sussex Drive, Ottawa.

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Shtern's son appeals for help

MONTREAL —

The trial of Dr. Mikhail Shtern "continues the shameful tradition of the Dreyfus and Beilis trials," August Shtern, son of the 58-year-old Ukrainian physician sentenced to eight years hard labor on charges of bribery and extortion, said here last week.

August, who emigrated to Israel on Feb. 23, 1975, was here during a North American tour to appeal for help for his father.

Looking pale and tired following an intensive speaking tour in Europe, the 29-year-old mathematician and psychologist told a press conference that the Soviet authorities originally intended to put the younger Shtern and his brother Victor on trial after the family received a vyzov (invitation) from Mrs. Shtern's sister in Israel.

When the KGB was unsuccessful in obtaining incriminating evidence on the two sons, they decided to try the prominent doctor, thereby setting a precedent for other parents who allow their children to apply for exit visas.

"My father was arrested May 29th, 1974, when he refused to take back the permission he signed for us to emigrate."

Dr. Shtern was imprisoned during the investigation up until the trial in December 1974. He was accused of accepting bribes from patients for treatment, and extorting large sums of money in order to obtain medicines for them.

Two appeals have already been rejected by the Kiev Supreme Court, said Shtern.

"A third appeal can be taken up in Moscow if the Soviet authorities want to."

Asked why he was allowed to emigrate, Shtern answered, "It is usual practice when one member of a family is sentenced to imprisonment, to let the others leave."

He claimed the trial was not based on material evidence. "Everyone could see the evidence was falsified. All witnesses changed testimony. Even the most pessimistic didn't expect a non-criminal man to be sentenced for eight years.

Funeral services held for Label Katz

NEW ORLEANS —

Funeral services were held here for Label A. Katz, a life-long activist in Jewish affairs, who as president of B'nai B'rith in the early 1960s led the first protest campaigns in behalf of Soviet Jews.

Katz died at St. Charles General Hospital here, following a stroke. He was 56.

He was elected head of the 500,000-member B'nai B'rith in 1959 at the age of 40, one of the youngest presidents in the 131-year history of the world's largest Jewish service organization.

Beth Torah will hear Justice Lieff

TORONTO —

Beth Torah Congregation is planning a joint meeting of the brotherhood and sisterhood of the congregation to hear Mr. Justice A.H. Lieff, of the Supreme Court of Ontario, speak on To be a Jew Today. It will take place at the synagogue, 47 Glenbrook Ave, Sunday, April 27. Services will be at 9:30 a.m., followed by breakfast. There is no charge and everyone is welcome.

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UJA-ISF walkathon switches over to the metric system

TORONTO —

Kilometres — that's a term all Canadians are going to have to become accustomed to when the country completely converts to the metric system.

To help pave the way for Toronto's Jewish youngsters and adults, the 1975 United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund walkathon on Sunday, May 25, will be measured in kilometres rather than miles. UJA walkathon officials have worked out the mileage (oops, we mean kilometres) from start to finish and these will be printed in the sponsor passport booklets.

The entire walk will total 25 kilometres, approximately 16 miles, beginning at the Baycrest Centre parking lot at 8:00 a.m. Walkers will wend their way down Bathurst Street and sign in at the first checkpoint, Beth Tzedec Synagogue. They will continue down Bathurst to St. Clair Avenue, make a slight jog west to Wells Hill Park, checkpoint number two, and go back to Bathurst and down to Bloor. At Bathurst and Bloor walkers will cross to the south side and make their way to checkpoint number three, the South 'Y' at the corner of Spadina and Bloor. From the Y, the walk continues down Spadina to College and along College to Bellevue, from which point the "Sense of Spadina" begins.

Denison Square Park which fronts the Kiever Shul has been designated checkpoint number four. From here walkers will tour Kensington Market and all the other old Jewish landmarks of another era and make their way to 150 Beverley, checkpoint number five. They will walk north on McCaul to College, over to Spadina and north to checkpoint number six, Sir Winston Churchill Park at St. Clair Avenue and Spadina Road.

From this point the walk continues up Spadina to Eglinton Avenue and over to Chaplin Crescent to checkpoint number seven, Forest Hill Memorial Park; back to Bathurst and north to Wilson and Temple Sinai. Those who make it will have completed the "walk to Jerusalem."

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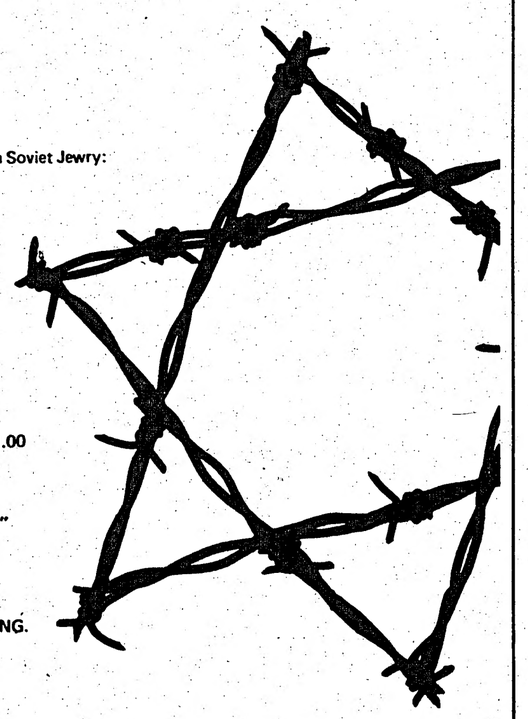
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The third Canadian organization to hold a convention in Israel this year, members of Alpha Omega, the dental fraternity, pose prior to their departure from Toronto. Arrangements for the tour of 140 dentists, were made by Sabra Tours. (Gadi Hoz photo)

Alpha Omega dental fraternity

Dentists hold convention in Israel

TORONTO — Alpha Omega, the dental fraternity, has become the third Canadian organization to hold its national convention in Israel this year. The others were Women's Canadian ORT and the Zionist Organization of Canada.

The convention is taking place this week at Tel Aviv University. Main topic for discussion is geriatric dentistry. Delegates will also be visiting dental schools at various universities throughout the country.

Organized by Sabra Tours, one hundred and forty dentists made the trip to Israel. Dr. Hart Levin was the main driving force behind having the convention in Israel.

Alpha Omega, Sabra Tours and El Al Israel Airlines invited Toronto artist-broadcaster William Ronald to join the tour. He will do a painting in Israel which Alpha Omega will donate to the Tel Aviv Museum.

Excavation work at Arad links new, booming town with 5,000 historic years

ARAD — From the ruins of Tel Arad, the visitor can clearly see the 20th century facade of the new Arad beginning to rise against the skyline. A distance of five miles — and 5,000 years — separates them but they are both chapters in the age-old and fascinating story of the Negev that is still unfolding.

The new town of Arad is growing rapidly on a high, windswept plateau about 30 miles from Beersheba. Rising like a mirage from the bare dust-brown sand of the desert, three-and four-storey buildings startle the tourist as they suddenly come into view.

Looking at the raw edges of the town, where unfinished streets are swallowed up by sand, it is hard to imagine that anything or anyone ever lived here until now. But, as with so much else in Israel, the newcomers to Arad are firmly linked with the history of the land and their forefathers. Only some five miles from where the giant cranes and cement-mixers are erecting the latest in apartment buildings and shopping centres, an archaeological team has completed its fifth season of excavations and is unearthing the secrets of the age-old settlement of the region.

The site, known as Tel Arad, covers an area of about 25 acres on a hill with a magnificent view across a plain of arid but fertile land. Along the horizon stretch the mauve-tinted mountains of Hebron and all around are the tawny wastes of the desert, patched with the brighter yellow of ripe wheat and the scattered goat-hair tents of the Bedouin. Along a dust road ambles a string of camels, loaded with hay.

Five thousand years ago just such a scene met the eyes of the inhabitants of a prosperous and highly civilized community who built their city on this hilltop and engaged in agriculture, industry and trade.

The dig, headed by Dr. Yohanan Aharoni, of the Hebrew University, and Mrs. Ruth Amiran of the Israel Museum has uncovered 17 strata of habitation, dating from the Chalcolithic period of about 3,500 B.C.E. to the early Arab period (c. 800 C.E.). The remains of the earliest, Chalcolithic settlement consist of pits dug into the loess soil, in which evidence of habitation, ashes and typical pottery of the period were found.

On top of this were four layers from the Early Bronze Age, covering a period of Early Canaanite settlement from about 3,000 to 2,700 B.C.E. Only a fraction of the area has been explored but it is known that the city was enclosed by a wall, jutting out into a series of semi-circular forts. Several of these have now been completely exposed and parts of the wall excavated vary in width from six to seven feet.

By far the most exciting find on the citadel site has been that of the Israelite sanctuary, the first ever uncovered in an archeological dig, which will make an important contribution to the study of ancient religion. It is clear the sanctuary was built with the first of the Israelite fortresses and was in use from the days of Solomon until the middle of the seventh century B.C.E.

The archeological team has found signs of streets and public squares and the foundations of well-built homes. The houses were large one-room units, with doors and steps leading down, and separate kitchens equipped with fireplace or cooking hearth.

Knowledge of kosher restaurants can make travel more enjoyable

By **DORIS NEWMAN**

TORONTO — Now that we are all travelling again, I remember one of the practices that have added interest and enjoyment to my travels. Wherever we go, we always seek out kosher restaurants. How does one find them? **The London Jewish Chronicle Travel Guide** is the best directory to carry with you. You can buy it at all Jewish book shops.

My first experience was one of the best. The year was 1935. I was travelling with a friend from Montreal to Baltimore to visit a sister. We were two young school teachers on Easter vacation, earning the handsome salary of $67 per month — hardly wealthy. We travelled by bus and, not wishing to waste any of our short and precious vacation, we left Montreal at night, arriving in New York at 9 a.m., due to leave for Baltimore in two hours.

It was Passover, so we headed for Siegel's on 34th Street. On arrival, we discovered that the restaurant would not open until noon. Our woebegone expressions and famished looks softened the hearts of the young bartenders and they offered to serve us. Never have scrambled eggs and boiled carrots tasted better.

These young men from Brooklyn started talking to us and apparently found two school teachers from the wilds of Montreal exotic. They tried to persuade us to stay over so that we could go to the Bartenders' Ball with them that evening. Regretfully, we declined and went our way. As far as I know, Siegel's is still in existence and the food still good. What the bartenders are like today, I cannot say.

On that same vacation, we were taken to a beautiful restaurant in Washington, which had a goldfish pool. Whether anyone ate the goldfish I don't know — I don't even know whether they are kosher, and haven't checked this, since the restaurant has long since closed.

The next restaurant on my list is Bloom's of London. There are two restaurants, one on Whitechapel Road in the east end; one in Golder's Green (north-west London). There is another kosher restaurant on Baker Street, near Jew's College, which serves the hungry young Jew's College students, but it is not as good as the other two. The one I know is Bloom's on Whitechapel Road, an attractive place, roomy, tables covered with spotless white cloths, good service, excellent company, and good food. The cooking is traditional East European — excellent appetizers, very good soups, and good main courses.

At lunch the restaurant is packed with business people from the district, all talking in the subdued manner of the English, creating a hum, quiet conversation. When we were there a young bearded gentleman asked permission to sit at our table. In the course of conversation, we discovered a mutual friend in Lisbon, the president of the synagogue there who always invites any strangers at Sabbath service to his home for dinner as there is no kosher restaurant in Lisbon — at least there wasn't in 1965.

My experiences of kosher restaurants in Italy are varied. If you go to the one in Rome, don't expect much — heavy East European cooking, half cold. The restaurant, on the second floor, is small and poky. I would not go back. However, there is one advantage; you can speak Yiddish here. In Venice, the restaurant is in the old folk's home. This was a delightful experience. On Friday evening, we headed for the Ghetto Nuovo (the new ghetto).

On one side is the large main synagogue of Venice which is closed as they cannot afford to heat it. On another side of the square is an exquisite small synagogue where we attended service. After services, we crossed the square diagonally to the old folk's home. In the tiny dining room there were three small tables (seating 12). We were the only guests. The director, a lady from Trieste who spoke German (one can speak Yiddish here too), was friendly and welcoming. She sent in the waiter with the traditional Shabbos evening chicken dinner (which, by the way, was also cooked for the residents). Meals are settled for either before or after Shabbat so you feel like a private guest at a Shabbat meal.

The piece de resistance of all the kosher restaurant meals I have ever eaten is the one I had in Florence The restaurant is on the second floor of the school building, next door to the very beautiful synagogue of that city. This was the best meal we ate in all Italy — strictly Italian. In Italy, every city has its specialty — Naples is famous for pizza; Florence is known for its steaks. This one was one-quarter inch thick, broiled on charcoal three minutes, and served with lemon juice, with a fabulous Italian salad on the side and preceded by an excellent minestrone; the whole thing was accompanied by a varied selection of kosher wines — Israeli, Italian and French. What a dinner! I can still taste it!

The first time I was in Paris, in 1938, we were referred to a kosher restaurant on the left bank. This restaurant was the finest I had ever eaten in until we found the one in Florence. Unfortunately, it did not survive the war. Today there are several "glatt kosher" restaurants on the Rue de la Paix, better known in Jewish circles as the "Rue de la Paiyasse."

Any Yiddish-speaking tourist in Mexico must visit Glanz's in Mexico City. This is a centre for the Yiddish literati of the Western hemisphere. The owner is himself a man of letters, so while there is plenty of food for the mind there, food for the body is of secondary importance. However, I recall having some excellent gefilte fish and a smoked meat sandwich of top quality, the meat being imported from Chicago.

In Israel, of course, most restaurants and all the hotels are kosher. The one you prefer is a matter of personal taste. It is worthwhile experimenting. The ones I like best seem to be the dairy ones. My daughter, who lives in Jerusalem, swears by Benis' Fish Restaurant, opposite the Beit Ha Am. There also is a fine Hungarian restaurant called Leah's near the famous Rehavim Gymnasium. However, it seems to be better at lunch time when you can eat outside and watch the people go by.

Hotel owner dies at 78

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — David Rosner, 78, owner of the Sterling Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla. died recently. A prominent hotel owner for the past 40 years, Rosner specialized in traditional Kosher service and hospitality. He is survived by his wife, Esther; son, Samuel; and daughter, Ruth.

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Television biography of fifth Israeli prime minister is 'lively, informative, satisfactory portrait' of Rabin

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Yitzhak Rabin, the fifth and only native-born prime minister of Israel, has always projected a cool, unflappable image. Formerly, as chief of staff and ambassador, he was highly effective and universally respected. But as prime minister, he has lacked Ben Gurion's charisma, Sharett's sensitivity, Eshkol's political experience and Meir's stubbornness.

Yet Rabin is not a man who can be taken for granted, as Bill Seamans, ABC's Israel correspondent discovered. Rabin possesses the kind of analytical mind that may keep besieged Israel in good stead for the next few crucial years.

Seamans spent two months with his subject in preparing ABC's news special, **Rabin: Action Biography.** At the very beginning, he announced rather redundantly that Rabin's actions may bring war or peace to the Middle East. Later on, surveying the political climate in the region, Seamans speculated that wisdom was the quality that Rabin will need most if he is to succeed. In the course of the one-hour documentary, Seamans all but answered his question in the affirmative.

But **Rabin: Action Biography** was much more than an examination of his political wisdom. It was a lively, informative and satisfactory portrait of Rabin the man. Seamans asked Henry Kissinger and Yigal Allon, the foreign ministers of their respective countries, to assess Rabin. Kissinger deemed him to be "an unusually thoughtful person," while Allon, his boss in the Palmach, declared him to be "very responsible." His raven-haired wife, Leah, described him as a "soft, warm loving father" who never raised a hand or his voice against his married daughter or his son Yuval, an officer in the tank corps. She disclosed that their romance developed inexorably, with Rabin never actually proposing marriage. At the wedding, she said, Rabin was so shy that Allon — she was his secretary — was mistaken for the groom.

To his credit, Seamans wrung revealing disclosures from the reticent Rabin. Like many Sabras, Rabin is not philosophical but pragmatic. Yet in reply to questions of a highly personal nature, Rabin was quite reflective, talking about the meaning of Jewishness and how he was "pushed" to become a soldier rather than a farmer. Shades of Moshe Dayan.

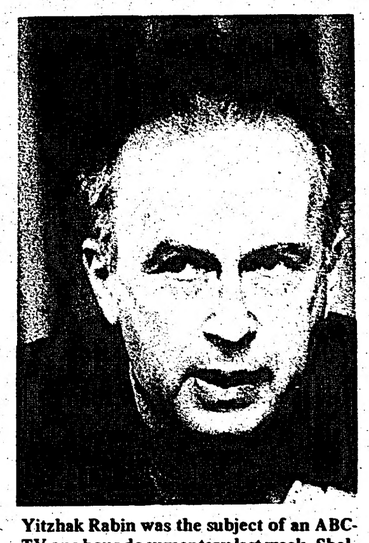
Rabin, whose working day begins at seven in the morning and ends close to midnight, said that the emotional high-point in his life occurred when he went to the Wailing Wall following the conquest of east Jerusalem in 1967. "Can a human being achieve more than that?" he asked, almost expecting the viewer to concur with his assertion.

Seamans then told us that Rabin has never taken a day off from work, is fond of relaxing with his family on Saturdays, and is noted for his dry wit in the company of friends. In what was probably the best sequence of the program, Rabin analysed himself without the slightest inhibition: "I try to be myself... I don't copy anyone... I'm not an expert in public relations...but this is me... I can't be someone else... I am what I am and I'm not going to be what I'm not."

In his recollections of the War of Independence, Rabin displayed his human side again when he admitted that his immediate reaction to statehood was mute because he was so bone-tired and thus unable to comprehend the full magnitude of the event. With some fondness of the past, he also remembered the abrupt comment of a weary fellow soldier: "He said, 'close the radio, the hell with it, I want to sleep'." Seamans interviewed Charles Douglas-Home, **The London Times'** military writer who knows Israel well. In a tribute to Rabin's military mind, Douglas-Home observed that, as chief of staff, Rabin changed the Israel defence forces from what he said was "a two-bit army" into a modern fighting force. I imagine that some people will find Douglas-Home's remark strange because of the assumption that the Israeli army has always been an admired army.

In the last part of the broadcast, Rabin was interviewed by Seamans and Howard K. Smith against the backdrop of the Mitla pass and the old city of Jerusalem. He explained that his controversial advocacy of Nixon during the 1972 presidential campaign was not tantamount to intolerable interference in American domestic affairs. He said he backed Nixon publicly because he wanted to thank him for helping Israel. It is a specious argument at best. Rabin also denied that Israel has been inflexible, and advised the US not to create "false hopes" among the Arabs.

Somehow, this portion of the show fell somewhat flat, being hardly as intriguing as one hoped it would be. Rabin's answers were simply too predictable. But, in the final analysis, it did not detract from the program's overall success.



Yitzhak Rabin was the subject of an ABC-TV one hour documentary last week. Sheldon Kirshner called the action biography "an overall success." (IPPA photograph)

Attempt to play it safe makes play 'superficial'

theatre

By LYNN SLOTKIN

In the theatre it's easy to be safe, superficial and innocuous. It's easy but it's not very exciting, and that's the problem with **In Gay Company,** the revue now at the Teller's Cage in the Commerce Court.

The show's opening song, **Welcome,** introduced us to the subject matter — an evening devoted to a minority group, homosexuals. The possibilities for perceptive observation, searing humor and witty songs were endless, and still are. The promise of interesting things to come was never really fulfilled.

Granted there was wit in **A Pilgrim's Primer,** an in-depth look at the men's washrooms around Toronto; **Special Boy** about a woman who was hopelessly in love with a homosexual, was touching; and **Fahrenheit 451** (sorry I don't know the Celsius reading) was perceptive. But on the whole, the material ran from tasteless, as in **I Remember Mama,** in which four men in drag impersonated Jewish mothers, complete with accents, begging their homosexual sons to marry for appearances sake; to repetitious, in **Pilgrim's Primer** we learned about the Toronto washrooms, in **A House Is Not A Home** we learn about the College St. YMCA; to the pointless as in **Freddy Liked to Fugue,** in which a sensitive musician goes crazy, not because of society's narrow-mindedness, but because he heard Muzak in an elevator!

The production went to great lengths to be respectable, not to offend, to appear ultra-chic and sophisticated — the men wore brown velvet suits, the lady a lovely flowing gown. Even the simple props (a stool, a flight of stairs) were chic. And I can't figure out why. What was the point of doing a show on a volatile subject that has been written about, argued about, and chronicled, if all that was done with it was to treat it with kid gloves?

The show lacked guts. Why no lesbian references? Why so little perception? Why the phony sophisticated treatment?

The company of Bob Ainslie, Gerry Horgan, Robert Jeffrey, Susan Keller, and Mark Russell was respectable — no great comics here. Bob Ainslie had the best voice, clear and powerful, and although Susan Keller does have a nice voice, I wondered why she was there at all except to sing that one song about the hopeless love.

Fred Silver's lyrics were clever but his music was not. It was so derivative of so many Broadway songs that it was unsettling. Director Sue Lawless did some nice things in trying to bring out the feeling behind the material and to create feeling when the material did not.

In its desire not to offend, **In Gay Company** became an easy, superficial and forgettable evening. You can stay home and watch TV for the same affect.

LZA concert featured 'charming quartet'

music

By RICK KARDONNE

One of the most precious aspects of Yiddish musical theatre is that even when it is most entertaining, its very nature makes it always most humanly significant. This fact was emphatically demonstrated by the 30th annual concert of the Labor Zionist Alliance (Borochov Branch 124) at Eaton Auditorium on April 19, featuring the American-based quartet Chayele Ash, Barbara Moskow, and Ari and Abraham Fuhrman.

There wasn't meant to be any provocative innovative brilliance; just the Yiddishkeit folk mainstream, and that alone made it such a thoroughly charming, well-performed, well-balanced and naturally empathetic evening. Yet the subject matter of each song and of each of the three theatrical segments touched upon matters fundamental to Jewish existence; sometimes in a serious but more often in a gently humorous (not biting) and most delightful way.

Take, for example, the modern Israeli Yiddish satire **Oil vs. Water;** a debate on this vital pressing subject between a haimishe Jewish woman and a Texas oil tycoon. Featuring such lines as "when you spit, do you spit oil or water?," there were many laughs from the audience directed towards this gently folksy treatment of today's number one topic that is somehow so fastidiously avoided by mainstream cabaret theatre everywhere outside Israel.

Or, take the sweet, touching scene between the same two actors, "**Belated Romance**" a most tenderly sympathetic account of a love affair between two old people. The third skit, **Mazel Tov Yidden!** by Peretz Hirshbein, concerning a yeshivah bocher who instructs the daughter of an isolated Jewish farmer as to the ways of Yiddishkeit, was also most enjoyable, with Chayele Ash effectively portraying the distinct characterizations of both the cynical homespun mother and the carefree, garrulous daughter.

This diversification of roles, the true mark of good actors, was also convincingly demonstrated by the Fuhrman brothers, who were equally distinctive as the oil tycoon, the old Jewish farmer, the old lovelorn Chassid, the yeshivah bocher, and the gallant young Abishalom, in the oath duet of Goldfaden's classic opera **Shulamith,** in which Ari Fuhrman sings opposite Barbara Moskow.

As a singer, she displays a good blend of classical vocal skills and deep dramatic feelings, and this is a prime pre-requisite for the performance of Yiddish folk songs, all of which require a straight from-the-heart soul. Thus, she was most effective in Driz-Shapiro's powerful lament **Babi Yar,** which requires a deep tragic sense amplified by the resonance that only classical training provides. However, Barbara Moskow was far less successful in her attempts to two mainstream opera numbers (clearly out of place in a Yiddish concert) which require not so much an uninhibited emotional conveyance but a controlled, stylized vocal delicacy, which she doesn't have, and frankly, doesn't need, if she advisedly sticks to her forte: Jewish soul music.

YOM HA'ATZMAUT CELEBRATION: I was really put off by the Israeli duo Tzachi and Yael at the Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration when they performed two banal American pop tunes from several years ago (in English). Please — we hear enough of that any night on Yonge Street. Especially on Independence Day, but always, visiting Israeli groups must convey the musical soul of Israel to Jewish audiences today. Please let's not have any such embarrassing moments in the future.

Popular folk-singer has recital

TORONTO — Popular folk-singer Hermina Petrescu returns to Toronto Sunday, April 27, for her sixth recital at the St. Lawrence Centre at 8:30 p.m.

Her show will feature folk songs, jazz, blues and ballads in several languages. A native of Romania, she has appeared in concert halls around the world.

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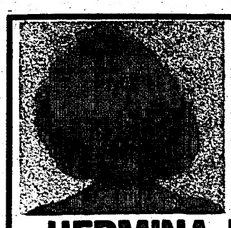
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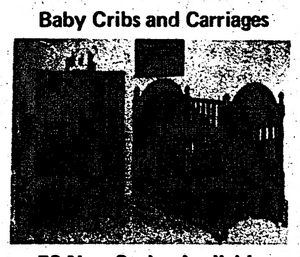
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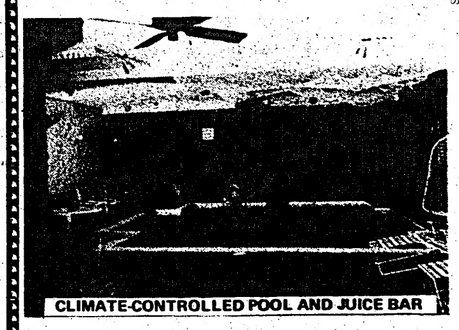
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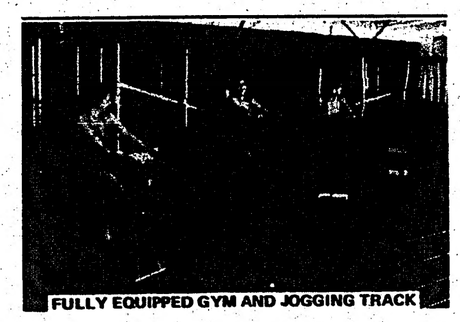
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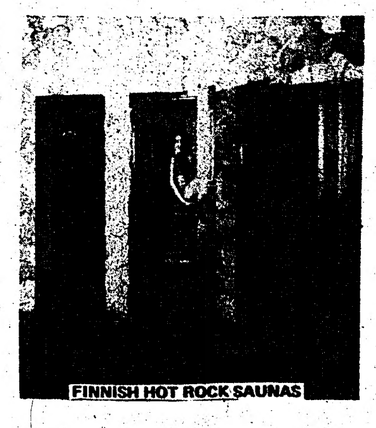
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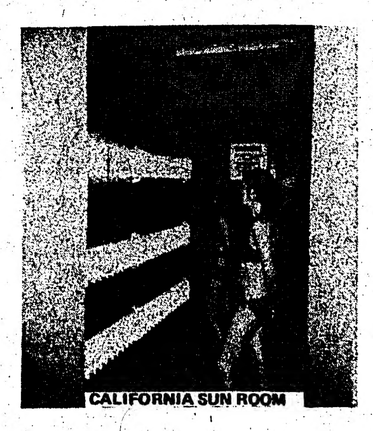
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"Uniquely refreshing" is the way Jeniva Berger describes actress Robyn Jaffe. After appearing in comedy revues, she is now appearing in the drama, 'Heat'.

Comedienne Robyn Jaffe conquers first drama role

theatre

By JENIVA BERGER

When Robyn Jaffe first saw the Second City's inimitable brand of satire, she said to herself, "Hell, I could do that!" And she did.

It was the first fling at comedy for the New York born actress who moved right into the Second City touring company and stayed with them from their first show, **Hello Dali** to their long running **Anyone For Kelp?** She's currently conquering another first, a heavy dramatic role in Toronto Free Theatre's **Heat** in which she describes herself as the town teen, appropriately called 'Tina'. She plays an average nice kid who becomes enamored of a multi-killer and is subsequently hardened by the relationship.

It's quite a jump in style for 24-year-old Robyn, who considers herself a comedienne at heart and who manages a cool assessment of her ability in that line — "I know how to tell a great joke; I know how to punch it!" — without the slightest trace of artifice.

In fact, Robyn Jaffe is uniquely refreshing. She has a personality which, without meaning to be fey, suits her name. Indeed, on a March afternoon in a very much overheated dressing room, Ms. Jaffe is like a breath of spring.

"It's a real honor to be playing here" she says with genuine awe. "I've seen a lot of theatre in town, but this one is great. It should be supported. Martin Kinch is a wonderful director, Chapelle is a doll (Chapelle Jaffe is a Free Theatre regular but no relation to Robyn) and everyone else is terrific!"

Robyn is given to superlatives, her hands dancing in the air to emphasize points, but you never feel it as an affectation.

"I still feel surprised when I get a call to do a commercial" she continues, talking about her sojourn into professionalism. "I never intended to take acting seriously. In fact, I still don't want to be one of those actors who know nothing else except theatre."

Though Robyn's father had a business here (Jaffe Realty) she resided in the U.S. and got her degree in educational psychology before she decided that New York, her present domicile, had had it. The whole family moved to Toronto permanently and Robyn became program co-ordinator for the Denvale Community Centre.

Soon after she was cast in the film **Only God Knows,** she took the professional plunge, and started working to lose 50 pounds.

"When I went to audition, I didn't want people to think of 'that fat girl' let alone 'that fat Jewish comedienne'." So, off came the fat, down went the longing for a pint of chocolate ice cream before bed, and on came the roles; Second City; television's **Police Surgeon,** commercials, a principal role in Toronto Workshop's **Mr. Pickwick,** and now **Heat.**

"I've done a lot of research into the murders" she says reflectively. "I was intensely interested in what makes these kids tick. Could what have happened to them happened to anyone?"

The meditation will have to be saved for later. The day is sunny — almost balmy, and Robyn decided that it's time for a car ride with a friend.

Study of U.S. Zionism 'engaging'

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

American Zionism from Herzl to the Holocaust, By Melvin I. Urofsky, Doubleday of Canada, $14.50

The history of Zionism in the United States is tangled and tortuous, but ultimately a triumphant story of victory over insuperable odds. Immigrant Jews who experienced the heady freedom and unparalled opportunities of the new world had little sympathy for Utopian schemes to resurrect a half-forgotten culture in the Middle East. Loyalty to the United States came first; Zionism smacked of a foreign ideology and of dual loyalties.

Prior to World War I, virtually all organized elements of the Jewish community, especially the socialist and Reform Movements were hostile. Rabbi David Philipson, an influential Reform rabbi, orated: "Political Zionism and true Americanism have always seemed mutually exclusive. No man can be a member of two nationalities, Jewish and American... There is no middle way."

The outbreak of World War I led to widespread recognition that the suffering European Jews deserved a secure home and refuge. The recruitment of Louis Brandeis to the cause at about the same time gave it respectability and organizational unity. He was able to attract such gifted personalities as Judge Julian Mack, Felix Frankfurter, Nathan Straus, Louis Kirstein and many others. Untiringly, Brandeis thundered: "Let no American imagine that Zionism is inconsistent with patriotism...multiple loyalties are objectionable only if they are inconsistent." During the war, America was chosen to serve as headquarters of the International Zionist Movement and membership swelled to 175,000.

Brandeis was toppled from his position in the early '20s by those who preferred a more fervent and zealous approach. Like Chaim Weizmann they suspected that under the calm gradualism of Brandeis there could be "no bridge between Washington and Pinsky."

The crisis faced by world Jewry in the '30s revitalized a semi-dormant movement. By 1945 membership in the United States had reached an astronomical million and a half and the consensus on behalf of Zion swept all before it. This mood, with relatively little fluctuation, has characterized American Jewry ever since.

The 45th convention of the Zionist Organization of America in 1942 adopted the militant Biltmore resolution calling for the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine. "Before Biltmore... American Zionists saw Palestine as a refuge; after Biltmore, they fought for a state, and have sustained the continuing growth and development of that state since 1948."

The author, a university professor in history, has written an engaging and enlightening 400-page study that covers the story in detail from its beginnings until 1942. If Urofsky has a thesis, it is that Zionism in the United States has been most successful when its goals and methods have coincided with the dominant concerns and trends in American society.

There are voluminous notes and a helpful bibliographic essay. All in all, this is a definitive and indispensable work.

Holy Blossom to premiere Milton Barnes composition

By SHELDON MEREL

TORONTO —

A new composition by Milton Barnes will be premiered at Holy Blossom Temple May 2. This was made possible by a grant from the Ontario Arts Council to the composer and to cover the cost of printing the music. **Shir Hashirim** is based on text from the biblical, "Song of Songs" and is written for two soloists, chorus of six sopranos and a small instrumental ensemble.

Behind these bare facts lies a whole process which involved the development of an idea, finding a composer, seeking financial backing, researching text and, of course, creating a musical score ready for performance. By the time of the actual performance, hundreds of hours will have been invested in the planning, rehearsing, writing, printing and performing.

Hopefully, the success of the premiere will encourage other venturesome congregations to perform it as well. If the spirit of the ancient Psalmist is still alive, perhaps others will seek ways to sing a new song unto the Lord.

The whole concept of performing portions of the **Song of Songs** with a small chorus, instrumental ensemble and two soloists was an idea I had carried in my mind for a number of years. It wasn't until I met Barnes last year that the idea suddenly clicked again. I had heard a tape recording of an oratorio Barnes had written and directed called **Psalms of David.** It was performed by the St. Catharines Symphony and chorus and is a marvelous work.

I discussed my idea with him and he responded enthusiastically. Through the Ontario Arts Council, we were able to obtain a financial grant and thereby commission Barnes to write this work. Holy Blossom agreed to sponsor the premiere performance. His interesting approach to this project reflects considerable in-depth study and research.

The well known contralto, Margaret Carmichael, will sing the role of the shepherd maiden. I will sing the part of King Solomon and Barnes will conduct the performance. In addition to his, **Shir Hashirim,** we will present another of Barnes' creation, **Variations on a Hebrew Theme for Solo Violin,** and have invited Nancy Mathis to perform it.

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Integration of schools

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Q: Will students from the "attendance area" (the immediate neighborhood) of each school be given precedence over other applicants? (This is now the case for applicants to schools offering French immersion kindergartens.)

A: We don't know. We'll have to see what the experience is, but we don't expect the schools will suddenly be flooded with children who live within walking distance of a day school but don't presently go there.

Also, if a school were to find itself overcrowded, we would expect it to expand. The North York Board has asked both the ministry and the Metro Toronto Board if they can approve such expansion even if public schools within a reasonable distance have vacant classrooms.

Q: Will all students be required to take the total program of whichever Jewish day school they attend?

A: Yes. We want admission to be open to any child, provided he or she accepts the total program and has enough fluency in Hebrew to handle it. North York has asked the ministry if they will approve such an admission policy.

Q: How will integration affect school hours?

A: We don't want to lengthen the school day. This is another area on which the ministry is being queried: will they approve the teaching of the "general studies program" in a three-hour block of time, and treat the global learning experience of students in the special schools as "substantially conforming" with present legislation. We're looking at it on the basis of skill acquisition rather than number of hours put in.

Q: If certain subjects now taught as part of the Hebrew program are included in the general studies program, who will control curriculum?

A: First of all, at the request of the schools, we've dropped the idea of counting Hebrew studies subjects in with general studies in order to make up the five-hour minimum school day written into the ministry regulations. In this way, the schools retain full control of the Hebrew studies program, while the North York Board would have ultimate responsibility only for those matters relating to general studies programs.

In addition, the North York Board has asked the ministry to appoint an advisory committee from the Jewish community to work with the board and the ministry.

The second part of this article will appear next week, and will discuss the effect of integration on tuition fees and staffing.

Goody resigns Holocaust post

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vice to convey some message to the young generation.

"The vast majority of Jews in Toronto get no Holocaust exposure at all," he said, pointing out only 2,000 of a community of 100,000 turn out at the annual event.

He urged a dramatization of the Holocaust by students be substituted for the speaker format of the annual program. However, his committee rejected the idea. "I didn't lobby for it...because nothing as critical and holy as Holocaust should be decided upon on the basis of pressure tactics."

Goody then contacted Rabbi Erwin Schild about the play, **Night Winds,** by David Roskies, and his congregation, Adath Israel, agreed to put it on with the co-sponsorship of Congress. The regional executive gave its approval.

Harris explained "we were not aware of the nature of the play. After the decision to co-sponsor the event, a number of Holocaust committee members came to me to complain of the presentation."

They were critical of it because they found it uncomplimentary to survivors, said Harris. The thrust of the presentation was the Jews went to the crematoria like sheep and that the reason it happened was because God punished Jews for past transgressions.

"A chairman of the committee is not a dictator. He has to make decisions with his committee," declared Harris. "Max had no support from his committee, he did it on his own and deeple hurt the feelings of those on the committee. My own opinion is that it's insensitive. (Harris said he had read some of the passages)."

After Harris phoned Goody to notify him of the officers' decision to cancel the play, Goody had the matter placed on the agenda of the April 11 meeting. A motion to support the officers was moved and passed.

However, Goody has asked for a ruling of the constitutional authority of officers to overrule an executive decision. Said Goody: "If the officers have that power to overrule, then it is nothing more than a rubber stamp body which in real fact has no power at all. The element of the democratic authority and rights of the executive is reduced to shambles. If this is the case, it might be wise for all supporters of the merger (Congress, Welfare Fund) to ask some questions before it is too late."

Shear is named

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...virtually impossible to match last year. But we had a darn good run at the record and I'm proud of the results."

He paid tribute to the audience — UJA canvassers — "who made all this possible. On behalf of Israel and the local agencies I want to express my congratulations and deep appreciation for your untiring effort for UJA," Creed said.

He added that "those of us who were the leaders of the campaign could only make the plans. It was you, the canvassers, who had to carry out these plans and you did. No chairman could ask for greater co-operation and harder work. You made up the best team a guy could have."

Jack Gwartz, chairman of the campaign planning committee, presided over the presentation of some 300 awards to the campaign leaders, the canvassers, synagogues and organizations. Beth Sholom Synagogue was named the "Synagogue of the Year" and received the Izy Stern trophy.

Gwartz said "It is fitting we are holding this event during Yom Ha'atzmaut because despite her many problems Israel is there — and will always be there, a viable homeland for Jews, no matter where they come from. We pay tribute to Israel and I'm sure all of you here will join me in pledging our continued love and support."

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Yom Ha'atzmaut

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the folk dancers and join in the fun themselves. A harried photographer trying desperately to capture the scene, was constantly jostled. Maurice Turk's orchestra played Israeli music but performances ranged from Chassidic shers to a very individualistic bellydance. At one time, eight plump ladies joined hands and stomped 'round and 'round while a gaunt old man with long flapping overcoat, wide-brimmed fedora, and a folded newspaper under his arm, happily clapped his hands, eyes shining.

Displays of jewelry and art objects, a model of the ORT School of Engineering at the Hebrew University, beautifully-crafted by the students, plus booths set up by various organizations, attracted the crowds who thronged the normally spacious entrance.

"If", said one women, "sheer numbers indicate success, then this outdoes all the other celebrations. There must be at least 4,000 here tonight. The traditionalists are complaining because we aren't dancing in the open air, but they forget that this is not Israel. It's Canada, and it is cold. And we can accommodate so many more here."

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Halasi, Elemer - On April 17, late of Lyon Crt.

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Markovitz, Miriam - On April 14, late of 257 Old Forest Hill Rd.

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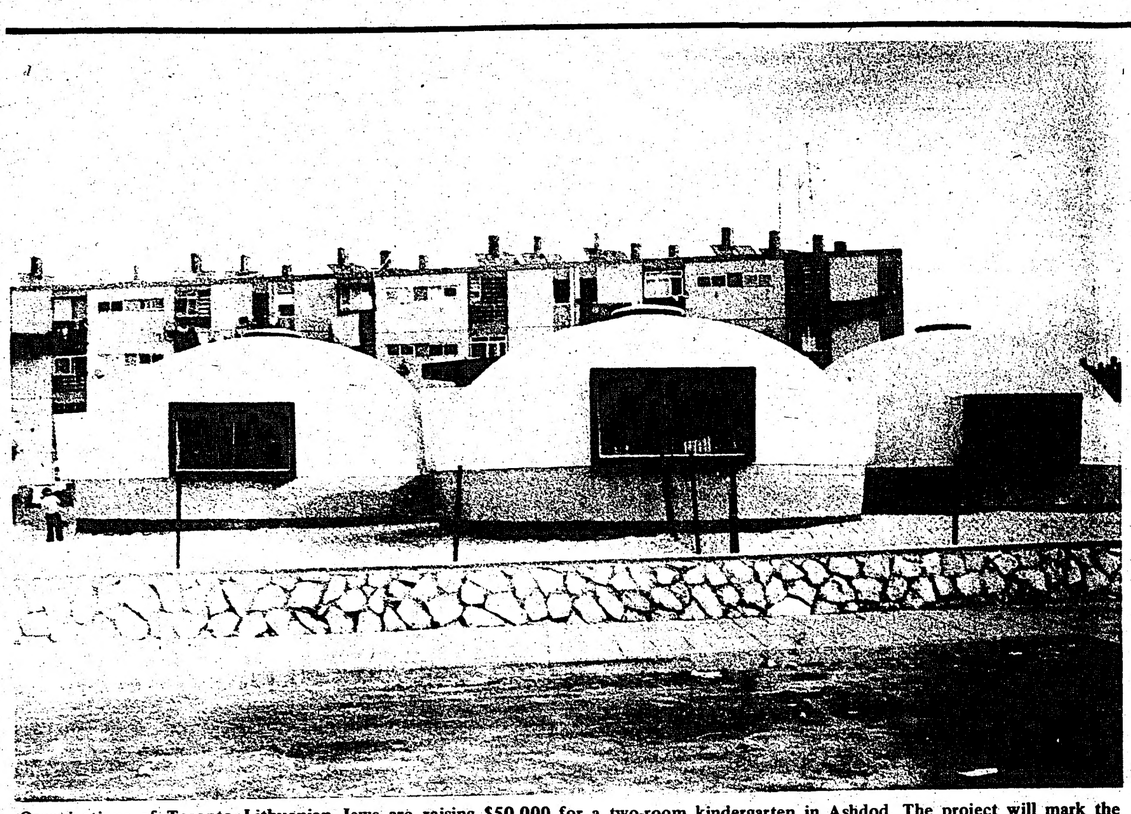

Organizations of Toronto Lithuanian Jews are raising $50,000 for a two-room kindergarten in Ashdod. The project will mark the 30th anniversary of the Lithuanian's liberation from the death camps. They are holding two fund-raising events this month and next.

Kindergarten in Ashdod is purchased by The Farband of Lithuanian Jews

TORONTO — The Farband of Lithuanian Jews and its women's division, the Masada chapter, have undertaken the purchase of a two-room kindergarten in Ashdod, Israel. Cost of the project is $50,000, of which half has already been paid.

Both groups raise funds for their projects only from their members, mainly through social functions and with direct contributions. One of the socials planned is a Yom Ha'atzmaut event April 27, commencing at 7:30 p.m., at Beth Radom Congregation. Another event will be the annual spring tea May 18, from 2 to 6 in the afternoon, at the home of Mrs. Fay Druck, 7 Brockington Cresc., Downsview.

The organizations comprise mainly Lithuanian Jews who survived the Holocaust and the kindergarten project will mark the 30th anniversary of their liberation from the camps.

The Farband, headed by Ruvin Madesker, was organized more than 25 years ago to assist Lithuanians who were then settling in Canada. When the state of Israel came into existence, the Farband turned its attention to helping Israel and has financed a variety of projects, as well as joining wholeheartedly in the annual United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund campaign. The Masada chapter, of which Mrs. Genya Zeligman is president, was formed 15 years ago to augment the work of the Farband.

Both organizations also assist local charities.

The kindergarten purchased in Ashdod is an integral part of Israel's educational system. Children attend kindergarten from the ages of three to six years. Attendance is compulsory and free for five-year-olds. At least a year of kindergarten is essential to ensure that all children know Hebrew before entering primary school. This facilitates the absorption of new immigrants. Kindergarten classes are set up by age groups and there is a maximum of 35 children to a class.

Kindergartens are strategically located throughout Israeli cities and towns for easy access by children.

Freelance broadcaster Malka and CBC producer Doug MacDonald (centre) receive 1975 Ohio Award for their radio documentary on the Bedouins. It is being rebroadcast Friday, May 2, at 7 p.m. on CBC-FM-Malka wrote and recorded show in the Negev and Sinai deserts. At left is William Hurley, president of the National Association of Educational Broadcasters. (CBC)

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